



North Carolina Business Relief Resources

Re: COVID-19

For all general questions, call Business Link North Carolina (BLNC) at 800.228.8443. BLNC staff are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. BLNC staff will connect your business to the appropriate organization for assistance. All inquiries will receive a response from a confidential business counselor within three (3) business days. “Se Habla Español.”

Is your business experiencing supply chain disruptions due to the impact of COVID-19?

Find the Manufacturer or Supplier your business needs at [ManufacturedNC](#):

- This [database of suppliers](#) contains every kind of thing produced in NC. Whether you’re a manufacturer who wants to localize your supply chain or a business searching for packaging suppliers, you’ll find exactly what you’re looking for here.
- If you are a N.C. manufacturer, [please register your business with ManufacturedNC here](#). Other businesses may be looking for you!

Looking for a low-interest lender?

U.S. Small Business Administration

The Small Business Administration has approved the N.C. Governor Roy Cooper’s request for a disaster declaration. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in [modified and additional SBA resources](#) to help N.C. small businesses, small aquacultural businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and/or most private nonprofit organizations. [Applicants are encouraged to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loans online.](#)

Interested in upcoming small business grant opportunities?

Facebook Small Business Grants Program

Facebook is offering \$100 million in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries due to the effects of COVID-19. [Sign up for more info.!](#)

COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund

United Way Worldwide has announced that it has established the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund to support affected communities and help the most vulnerable populations receive critical financial and social service support during the global crisis.



Do you need layoff aversion strategies?

Business Edge Services

919.814.0400 or Toll Free: 800.562.6333 (Choose Option 2 – Business Services)

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Business Edge is a series of layoff aversion strategies and activities designed to help North Carolina employers prevent or minimize job losses. Through Business Edge, workforce partners collaborate with business leaders to assess the needs of, and options for, "at-risk" firms, and to deliver services that address those needs.

Do you need to file an Unemployment Insurance claim?

N.C. Division of Employment Security

888.737.0259

If you have lost your job or been laid off, [file an Unemployment Insurance \(UI\) claim](#). New changes to the state's unemployment system have occurred due to the current impacts of the COVID-19 coronavirus in North Carolina. [COVID-19 specific information is here](#). It has information for both employers and people seeking unemployment benefits.

Are state and federal agencies offering any payment relief or extended payment deadlines to me or my business?

Federal Coronavirus Tax Relief

The U.S. Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service are providing special payment relief to individuals and businesses in response to the COVID-19 Outbreak. The filing deadline for tax returns remains April 15, 2020. The IRS urges taxpayers who are owed a refund to file as quickly as possible. Although the IRS extended payment deadlines, it did not extend filing deadlines. For those who can't file by the April 15, 2020 deadline, the IRS reminds individual taxpayers that everyone is eligible to request a six-month extension to file their return.

N.C. Department of Revenue Special Penalty Relief

In response to the federal payment relief, the N.C. Department of Revenue will not impose a penalty upon individuals and businesses who do not pay their outstanding State income tax liability on tax returns due on April 15, 2020, so long as the taxpayers pay the tax due by July 15, 2020.

Looking for other helpful government resources?

N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services: [COVID-19 Recommendations for Businesses and Employers](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)