Senator Blackburn’s COVID-19 Resource Guide for Tennesseans

**Our Tennessee Workforce**

Have you recently been laid off, or has a reduction in compensation made it difficult to make ends meet?

- Visit the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development website to file for Unemployment Insurance and other forms of assistance: [https://www.tn.gov/workforce/unemployment/apply-for-benefits.html](https://www.tn.gov/workforce/unemployment/apply-for-benefits.html).

Are you worried about making payroll?

- The [Paycheck Protection Program](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance) provides eight weeks of cash-flow assistance through 100% federally guaranteed loans to small employers who keep paying their employees during this emergency.

Do you have questions about new federal paid leave requirements related to the Coronavirus?


**Tennessee Employers and Small Businesses**

Need help to make payroll or to keep the lights on?

- The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private, non-profit organizations: [https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance).

Questions about unemployment benefits?


Questions about new federal paid leave requirements related to COVID-19?

- Field Assistance Bulletin on the Labor Department’s 30-day non-enforcement policy: [https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/field-assistance-bulletins/2020-1](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/field-assistance-bulletins/2020-1).
Additional information for businesses is available through the Small Business Administration.


**Our Health Care Workers**

Are you a volunteer health care worker?

- The CARES Act includes Senator Blackburn’s Good Samaritan clause to protect you from frivolous lawsuits as you volunteer during this public health emergency.

**Federal Taxes and Rebate Checks**

Questions about how COVID-19 affects your federal incomes taxes?


Questions about the immediate cash relief Tennesseans will receive?


**Competitive Federal Grants**

How will this pandemic affect federal grant applications and awards?

- Check the awarding agency website for announcements and reach out to the agency regarding extensions and other inquiries.
- Visit our grants website to request support for your competitive federal grant application: [https://www.blackburn.senate.gov/grant-requests](https://www.blackburn.senate.gov/grant-requests).

**Education**

What resources are available to help Tennessee students, graduates and schools?


**Living or Traveling Abroad**

Are you abroad and need assistance from the U.S. State Department?

- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [https://step.state.gov/](https://step.state.gov/).

Are you considering traveling internationally?

- The U.S. State Department has issued its highest level advisory, urging all U.S. citizens to avoid international travel: [https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/travel-advisory-alert-global-level-4-health-advisory-issue.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/travel-advisory-alert-global-level-4-health-advisory-issue.html).

Are you considering traveling in the United States?

The Volunteer Spirit
Looking to help your fellow Tennesseans during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- If you would like to donate, sell, or produce medical supplies and other goods for the federal government visit [www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help](http://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help).
- Tennesseans looking for volunteer opportunities and ideas can also visit [https://www.tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/disaster-services/covid-19.html](https://www.tn.gov/volunteer-tennessee/disaster-services/covid-19.html).

Still have questions? Our offices are ready to help you. Give us a call at (202) 224-3344.