



A note from the Economic Development Director:

As the state has now released its [guidelines](#) for those businesses permitted to reopen on May 20th, it is important to review them and self-certify. Restauranters, please [e-mail me](#) and let me know if you are planning on opening outdoor seating, as we're working on the process.

Stay safe and strong Southbury! ~ Kevin

Business Helpline: 203-586-9782

COVID-19 Business Update
May 11, 2020

Southbury COVID-19 Business Survey

LAST CALL: Tomorrow, **May 12th** is the deadline take our local business and nonprofit [SURVEY!](#) Help us help you, by providing a clear picture of where you stand and what you need.

Reopening Southbury Webinar Series

SIGN-UP for our first webinar, focused on reopening business in Southbury. Held Wednesday, May 13th from 12 -1pm "Returning to Work ~ Let's Talk Labor". For details and to register: www.southbury-ct.org/EDCwebinars

State of CT Rules for Reopening May 20th

All businesses subject to these guidelines are required to self-certify prior to opening May 20th. Here are the downloadable guidelines by sector: [GUIDELINES](#)

Important DOL Update

On May 7, the DOL issued new guidance which significantly reduces an employer's ability to request documentation from employees seeking leave under the FFCRA. Read: [WORKING TOGETHER: Don't Ask: New Department of Labor Guidance Restricts Employers from Requiring Documentation from Employees Seeking Paid Leave Under the FFCRA.](#)

PPP Loan Safe Harbor Period Expires May 14, 2020

Regarding Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans, for those businesses and individuals fortunate enough to be approved for a PPP Loan from the U.S Small Business Administration (SBA), the clock is ticking on the safe harbor period, which is set to expire on May 14, 2020.

Because of recent guidance issued by the U.S. Department of [TREASURY](#), it is advised that borrowers under this program should formulate financial projections setting forth an analysis of operational cash flow, liquidity and capital availability.

Testing

Testing for Essential Workers: PhysicianOne Urgent Care in Southbury is doing priority COVID-19 testing to all essential workers, including the asymptomatic. Details: [TESTING](#)

Governor's Briefing

5-11-2020 Governor Lamont's Press Briefing REPLAY: www.ct-n.com/ondemand.asp

Webinars this Week

5-12-2020 9:30am – 11:30am Financing Your Small Business: Financing Options [DETAILS](#)

5-13-2020 12n – 1pm "Returning to Work: Let's Talk Labor" **Southbury** - [DETAILS](#)

5-15-2020 11am – 12n "Legal Considerations for Reopening the Workplace" - [DETAILS](#)

Resources

Department of Labor's COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance Update: [DOL UPDATE](#)

To check on the status of your EIDL application: 800-659-2955

How to prepare your workplace for post Covid-19: www.steelcase.com/postcovid/

Women's Business Development Council will work through, step-by-step, the application process for applying for the available funding. Visit: <https://ctwbdc.org/covid-19-resources/>

Pandemic Relaunch Toolkit for Restaurants & Bars Click: [HERE](#)

COVID-19 Small Business Resource Kit [HERE](#)

Southbury Covid-19 Business info and resources are gathered: [HERE](#)

Advance CT Covid-19 Resources & Upcoming Webinars: [HERE](#)

CT-SBDC COVID-19 Emergency Business Resource Guide: Click: [HERE](#)

State COVID-19 [Business Resources](#) and DECD Hotline is (860) 754-8342

Restaurants offering pick-up or delivery, and all of the other food options in Southbury is kept up-to-date on the town website: <https://southbury-ct.org/restaurants-covid19>