



FEDERAL POLICY

- Continue to improve the speed and capacity of loan/grant programs for businesses.
- Update the nonprofit definition for the Paycheck Protection Program to be inclusive of all 501(c) organizations, not just (c)(3) and (c)(19).
- Remove the bank director exclusion from PPP loans so those who are business owners are not locked out of the program.
- Provide flexibility in timing for businesses to use PPP loans, since many will be unable to return to full operating capacity before the June 30 deadline.
- Update PPP loan terms to match the legislative intent of a 10-year maturity date, since many businesses will not fully recover within the two years outlined in current Treasury Department rules.
- Provide additional financial assistance to child-care centers so their workforce stays intact. Having to rehire in this sector will hinder quick-to-recover businesses from reaching full capacity, which could have ripple effects during the recovery.
- Direct payment or quick reimbursement for emergency paid leave and expanded FMLA. Tax credits may be too late for many businesses. Earned credits could be held/rerouted to reimburse for the direct payment.
- Exempt the hospitality industry from payroll taxes.
- Allow immediate depreciation of any COVID-19 retrofit that is conducted in preparation for reopening and recovery.

STATE POLICY

Liquidity

- Allow businesses to defer 2020 state taxes.
- Provide businesses with a 90-day extension on their next property tax payment.
- Allow municipalities to waive penalties for late income and property tax payments.
- Defer sales and use tax payments during the public health emergency.
- Sales and use tax abatement for targeted businesses like sports and entertainment venues that will see a slow return to normal operations.
- Make the R&D tax credit fully refundable.
- Provide marketing and co-op funding for regional tourism promotion of the state.
- Prohibit unemployment benefit withdrawals made during the public health emergency from counting against an employer's experience rating for unemployment tax calculations.
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Employees

- Temporarily waive the one-week waiting period for unemployment benefits.
- Provide homeowners with a 90-day extension on their next property tax payment.
- Allow municipalities to waive penalties for late income and property tax payments.
- Ease the Work-Share requirements so they apply to a workforce of any size, including small employers, and simplify the process for approval.

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STATE POLICY (CONT.)

Regulatory

- Allow alcohol delivery during the public health emergency.
- Provide employer liability protections so they can screen their workers and visitors for COVID-19 and mandate hygiene requirements.

Other

- Temporarily increase highway weight limits for commercial trucks to match neighboring states.
- Provide additional financial assistance to child-care centers so their workforce stays intact. Having to rehire in this sector will hinder quick-to-recover businesses from reaching full capacity, which could have ripple effects during the recovery.
- Set goals/metrics for reopening the economy to give businesses more certainty about the future and speed up the recovery.
- Form reopening/recovery task force that includes the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce.

LOCAL POLICY

- Provide short-term transportation subsidies for essential workers.
- Allow alcohol delivery during the public health emergency.
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