Recording will be available at ndresponse.gov
American Rescue Plan Act 2021

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AGENDA

- Small Business Association (SBA)
- Job Openings: North Dakota Job Services
- Unemployment Insurance: North Dakota Job Service
- North Dakota Department of Health
- Closing Remarks Greater North Dakota Chamber
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
Cares Act (March 2020) – established the Paycheck Protection Program and EIDL Advance

Economic Aid Act (December 2020) - Expanded PPP/Second Draw PPP and added Shuttered Venue Operators Grant

American Rescue Plan (March 2021) – Expanded PPP and added Restaurant Revitalization Fund
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - PPP

- Expanded eligibility to all 501(c) organizations that are tax exempt with 300 employees or less
- Allows internet publishers to apply
- Second Draw PPP – Eligibility
  - “Has used or will use the full First Draw PPP loan amount only for eligible expenses before the Second Draw PPP loan is disbursed”
  - 300 or less employees
  - 25% reduction in gross receipts (calendar quarter)
  - $2 million max loan amount ($4 million combined w/ affiliates)
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - TARGETED EIDL ADVANCE

- Added $15 billion
- Additional funding ($5 billion) for hardest hit areas
  - Low-income community defined by IRS
  - 50% revenue loss with 10 or less employees
  - Extra $5,000 per targeted applicant
- Grant amount not taxable
CAVAET: This information is in draft form subject to official policy guidance.

Eligible entity “means a restaurant, food stand, food truck, food cart, caterer, saloon, inn, tavern, bar, lounge, brewpub, tasting room, taproom...”

Limited to operators that own 20 or less locations and non-publicly traded companies
Eligibility

(i) the uncertainty of current economic conditions makes necessary the grant request to support the ongoing operations of the eligible entity; and

(ii) the eligible entity has not applied for or received a grant under section 324 of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act
RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND CONTINUED

- Prioritize Grants Recipients - Owned and controlled by Women, Veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns
- Grant Amount
  - $5 million per location ($10 million max)
  - Equal to pandemic-related revenue loss
  - Gross receipts from 2020 subtracted from the gross receipts from 2019
  - Additional calculations for newly formed business not in operation for all of 2019, after 1/1/2020, or currently in the process of forming
  - Less any PPP funds received
  - Not taxable
RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND CONTINUED

- Uses of Funds
  - Payroll costs
  - Payments of principal or interest on any mortgage obligation
  - Rent payments, including rent under a lease agreement
  - Utilities
  - Maintenance expenses
  - Supplies, including protective equipment and cleaning materials.
  - Operational expenses
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - SVOG

- Added $1.25 billion to the fund
- Removes the prohibition of PPP assistance
- Application portal coming soon
SBA CONTACTS

- [www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief](http://www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief)
- Assistance for Businesses
  - [www.ndsbdc.org](http://www.ndsbdc.org)
  - [www.ndwbc.com](http://www.ndwbc.com)
North Dakota had 15,237 job openings in February of 2021.

↑ 15.2% (or 2,009 jobs) from the prior month

↓ 4.1% (or 649 jobs) from the same period one year ago

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JOB OPENINGS IN NORTH DAKOTA

JOB OPENINGS BY COUNTY YEAR OVER YEAR

2020 vs. 2021

- Cass: +109
- Burleigh: -263
- Grand Forks: -52
- Ward: +72
- Williams: -175
- Stark: -39

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JOB OPENINGS IN NORTH DAKOTA

Employers are Hiring

Job Openings Increasing Last Two Weeks

Construction
Agriculture
Manufacturing
Transportation
Food Service
Retail

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JOB OPENINGS IN NORTH DAKOTA

9 WORKFORCE CENTERS ACROSS THE STATE

Now offering both virtual and in-person job fairs and hiring events
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN OF 2021 (ARPA)
UNEMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS

Job Service North Dakota
Darren Brostrom
March 19, 2021
EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA)
Provides benefits to individuals who would not normally be eligible for unemployment insurance

PUA was to end March 13, 2021

Extended to September 6, 2021

Results in up to 79 weeks of eligibility
PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (PEUC)

Provides an extension of benefits to individuals who exhaust their state benefits

PEUC was to end March 13, 2021

Extended to September 6, 2021

Results in up to 53 weeks of eligibility
FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (FPUC)
Provides $300 additional weekly benefit payment to the benefit payment of every claimant

FPUC was to end March 13, 2021
Extended to September 6, 2021
MIXED EARNER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (MEUC)
Provides an additional $100 per week to claimants who had self-employment earnings and worked for a liable employer

MEUC was to end March 13, 2021

Extended to September 6, 2021
REIMBURSEMENT OF BENEFIT CHARGES

- Provides assistance to non-profits and governmental entities (reimbursable employers)
  
- Pays a portion of the benefit costs incurred by their employees
  
  - Extended to weeks of unemployment ending September 6, 2021
  
  - Increases reimbursement of compensation paid from 50% to 75% for the period after March 31, 2021
    - January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 remains at a 50% reimbursement level
FEDERAL FUNDING OF FIRST WEEK OF UI BENEFITS PAID

- Provides reimbursement for the first week of UI benefits paid to each claimant if the state waives or has no waiting week
  - Reimbursement period extended to September 6, 2021
- By the end of 2021, this reimbursement will have saved the North Dakota UI Trust Fund $50 to $100 million
  - Positively impacts employer tax rates
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**TOTAL BENEFITS PAID FOR ALL PROGRAMS COMBINED:** $1.09 BILLION
When considering COVID-19 vaccination, it is important to weigh the risks of disease with the risks and benefits of vaccination.

**Benefits of vaccination**
- Vaccines are safe and effective
- May prevent transmission to others
- Prevents serious illness, hospitalization and death
- Helps keep North Dakota’s schools and businesses open
- Relaxed quarantine requirements if exposed to COVID-19

**Risks of vaccination**
- Side effects are typically mild and last 1-2 days
- Severe allergic reactions are rare and manageable with treatment

**Risks of COVID-19**
- 1 in 525 North Dakotans have died
- 1 in 200 North Dakotans have been hospitalized
- 1 in 8 North Dakotans have tested positive
- There’s no way to predict how COVID-19 will affect you
- May spread COVID-19 to loved ones
- Long-term impacts of disease are unknown
COVID-19 VACCINATION IN ND (03/17/2021)

- 1 in 4 North Dakotans have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Over 300,000 doses have been administered in ND.
- Over 100 million in the U.S.
# CURRENTLY AVAILABLE COVID-19 VACCINES

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<td>Non-replicating viral vector</td>
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<td><strong>Vaccine Side Effects</strong></td>
<td>Most common side effects reported include: Injection site pain, fever, chills, fatigue, headache, and muscle and joint aches Side effects more common after 2nd dose</td>
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THE BEST COVID-19 VACCINE TO GET IS THE FIRST ONE YOU ARE OFFERED.
COVID-19 VACCINE
Priority Groups

- Health care workers in direct contact with COVID-19
- First Responders
- Long-term care residents and staff

- Adults 75 and older
- Adults age 65-74 with 2+ underlying conditions
- Other congregate setting residents & staff (e.g., corrections)
- Adults age 65-74 with 1 underlying condition
- Adults 65 and older without underlying conditions
- People of any age with 2+ underlying conditions
- Childcare workers
- Preschool and K-12 school workers

- National Guard, not previously covered
- Grocery workers
- Public safety answering points (911)
- COVID-19 vaccine manufacturing workers
- Health care/public health workers not in Phase 1A
- Public transit—including bus, taxi and rideshare—workers
- People age 16-64 with 1 underlying condition
- Blood bank workers not previously vaccinated
- IT workers unable to work from home
- All other essential workers per Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) unable to work from home

- General Public
Effective Critical Infrastructure Workers
Essential workers are critical to keep communities open.
Helps the general public see:

- Which providers have enrolled to receive/administer COVID vaccine
- Where COVID vaccine is available
- Which priority group each provider is currently vaccinating
- How to contact providers and/or express interest in receiving COVID vaccine
Leadership should encourage staff to get vaccinated against COVID-19.
  - Lead by example.

Encourage staff to learn more about COVID-19 vaccination.
  - Reputable sources!

Be flexible in your human resources policies.

Use promotional posters/flyers to advertise locations offering COVID-19 vaccination in the community.

Post resources in company communications.

Incentivize vaccination.

Essential Workers | Department of Health (nd.gov)
  - Toolkit with sample emails/letters, FAQ, educational webinar, etc.
Sleeves Up ND. It’s Your Turn.
YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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