RECAP: County of San Diego Update for the Business Community  
December 16, 2020

Funding Source Update:
- The Small Business Stimulus Grant is open for applications.
  - For profit or nonprofit organizations headquartered in San Diego County with 100 or fewer employees. Must have a minimum of 1 year operating history, have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and been impacted by the Regional Stay Home Order.
  - If you have already applied, you do not need to reapply. You can email your district contact to let them know you have previously applied and still have funding needs.
  - FAQs here.

General Announcements:
- The County has released updated holiday guidance.
- Download CA Notify to add your phone to California’s notification exposure system.
- What communication resources for the COVID-19 vaccine would be helpful for your business? Share your idea to COVID-Business@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Highlights
- Guidance on reporting employees that tested positive for COVID-19.
  - Employers must notify the County of San Diego Public Health Services about an employee who tests positive with COVID-19, even in a remote workplace, by completing the online COVID-19 Notification Form.

- Retail operations under the Regional Stay Home Order.
  - Retail can stay open but is limited to 20% capacity, based on the fire department occupancy limit.

- Cal/OSHA, CDC, and State regulations.
Governor Newsom signed an executive order on December 14, updating Cal/OSHA and CDC guidance on when an employee can return to work: after the end of an isolation or quarantine period recommended by CDPH, or a local health officer.

CDPH released updated guidelines on December 14 outlining options to reduce quarantine periods during critical staffing shortages.

Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards went into effect November 30. FAQs are available here.

CDC guidance is available here, and when to quarantine or isolate here.

- Vaccination distribution information.
  - Vaccination distribution plans are determined at the federal, state and local level. The CDC has only decided on Phase 1a, with a draft guidelines working group to further prioritize groups within categories (ex. Health care workers).
  - County advice: Be ready that employees and essential workers are informed and ready to go. The plan is being refined as we go.

Business Community Resources Quick Links:

- Business Referral Guidelines
- Contact Tracing Fact Sheet
- Positive Employee Flowchart
- State Employer Playbook
- Business and Employer FAQs
- How to Stay Connected
- Return to Work Following COVID-19 Diagnosis
- Public Health Order [Updated 12/09]
- Employer COVID-19 Notification Form.

If you would like to participate in the next Business Sector Telebriefing, join the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month from 9:30 to 10:30 here. Can’t make the meeting? Send any questions to sbales@sdchamber.org to ask during the briefing.