

COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR RETAILERS

The Edge Retail Academy has put together a quick reference cheat sheet for our retailers, to help them in several different ways,

Many organizations are offering financial relief and guidance during these unprecedented times. Take a look below.

EMPLOYEE-RELATED

- ✓ Comprehensive and Updated <u>FAQ's for Employers</u>. This is a great link on employment-related issues facing employers.
- ✓ The Department of Labor announced a \$100 million dislocated worker grant fund.
- ✓ States have expanded their benefits during this pandemic. Check with your state Department of Labor as well (procedures may vary by state).
- ✓ Help your employees during reduced or loss of hours.
 - Here is an article on how employees can <u>file for unemployment</u> benefits.
 - Here is a site with state-by-state <u>unemployment benefit information</u> that navigates the COVID-19 exceptions that allow for quicker and more lenient unemployment benefits.

FINANCIAL-RELATED

- ✓ Financial firms that are offering <u>extended terms</u>, <u>deferred payments and other benefits</u>
- ✓ IRS: You can defer owed payments interest free up to 90 days.
- ✓ There is a <u>list of companies</u> who are participating in the "Keep Americans Connected Initiative" and pledge to not disconnect phone services during this pandemic.
- ✓ <u>Talk to your lender or mortgage servicer</u>. Companies like Bank of America, Quicken Loans, TD Bank, Wells Fargo, etc. are working with their customers during COVID19.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

✓ The SBA will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan



- program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million. Here is their full Coronavirus web page.
- ✓ Small business owners in the following designated states are currently eligible to <u>apply for a low-interest</u> loan: California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Utah, and Washington

HEALTH-RELATED

- ✓ <u>The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America 15 Days to Slow the</u> Spread
- ✓ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers the <u>most up-to-date information on COVID-19</u>.

Edge Retail Academy is also available to provide guidance on properly adapting in these challenging times. Please be sure to reach out to us at inquiries@EdgeRetailAcademy.com or 877-569-8657, Ext. 001