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Advisory #1

EIDL Loans are still available at this time. This is helpful as communities apply more restrictions to businesses further restricting revenues. The Gallatin City-County Board of Health will meet Friday, Nov. 6 at 7 AM to consider revisions to a local health rule that would include new restrictions on certain businesses intended to slow transmission of COVID-19.

New PPP Forgiveness Factsheet for Borrower Audience

A PPP factsheet for borrowers that provides a high-level overview of what they have to do as part of the PPP Forgiveness process has been developed for SBA field offices and SBA Resource Partners. The basic premise is that the borrowers in all cases should work with their PPP lenders on forgiveness. [Click Here](#) to see the document.

Montana Downtown Coalition's Roadmap to Recovery Workshop Series begins next week! Don't forget to register!

The 2020 Montana Downtown Conference has been canceled due to COVID. In place of gathering this fall in Dillon, the Montana Downtown Coalition has partnered with Community Builders to offer a virtual workshop based on their multi-step process to respond to and recover from the pandemic recession. Featuring a blend of presented materials, interactive large-group exercises, and facilitated small-group breakout sessions, each workshop is designed specifically to help community participants learn from each other and understand how to take a more strategic approach to economic recovery.

Session 1: Laying the Groundwork

Wednesday, November 11, 9:00 am - 11:00 am MDT [2 hrs]

Session 2: Building a Strategy (pt. 1)

Thursday, November 12, 9:00 am - 10:30 am MDT [1.5 hrs]

Session 3: Building a Strategy (pt. 2)

Friday, November 13, 9:00 am - 10:30 am MDT [1.5 hrs]

[Registration](#)

[Pre-Workshop Survey](#)

Yellowstone National Park roads closed Monday, 11/2 to visitors until winter over snow vehicle opening 12/15. The only exception is the road between Mammoth Hot Springs and the northeast entrance, which is open to regular traffic all year.

Matt Kelley shared that the Gallatin Health Department is ***at or exceeding capacity on almost every area of response. Alert #2 was shared on 11/3 announcing a board meeting on Friday to discuss possible further restrictions to get the case numbers out of control.***

The Governor issued a new [Consumer Complaint Form](#) on 10/23 to report potential concerns or violation of COVID-19 directives or other public health and safety concerns.

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport is receiving first inbound flights into the new terminal today.

Big Sky and Xanterra/Yellowstone both shared that they have safety restrictions on **employee housing occupancy**. 2 per room in Big Sky and 1 per room in Yellowstone. These reduce employee housing by one-third to one-half of pre-COVID occupancy. This further exacerbates the staffing challenges that these communities and others are facing. I will be reaching out to the Gallatin Emergency Management Team to discuss FEMA or temporary workforce housing solutions (think modular workforce housing in summer use RV parks or?)

For staffing challenges, I'm also wondering about the opportunity to establish **Labor Pools utilizing Workforce Management Software** in communities like Big Sky, or Livingston where employees can be qualified for various position and sign up for available shifts either with or outside of their primary employer. This might benefit businesses that are not their primary employer if they don't have to pay overtime or provide housing for the 2nd job employee. There are staffing software apps that do this for a single employer. There must be a workforce management software that can be used for multiple employers. Does anyone have knowledge or experience with this?