

COVID-19 UPDATE FOR MORGAN HILL BUSINESSES

Dear Morgan Hill Businesses:

The City of Morgan Hill and the Economic Development Team are deeply grateful for your efforts to shelter in place during these unprecedented times. We know how much this is affecting you and we recognize that the damage to some businesses is irreparable.

We also know how deeply you care about the safety and the livelihood of your employees. We have heard from many of you and know how hard you are trying to keep people on payroll and how you've changed your business practices to adhere to the safe distancing guidelines. What you are doing to keep everyone safe and employed to the extent possible is immensely appreciated.

The City of Morgan Hill is doing its part in managing this rapidly changing COVID-19 environment. City Hall offices have closed. Many City teammates are working from home, but we continue to provide essential services. What has not changed is our commitment to your health and safety during this public health crisis.

To help you navigate these very dynamic and uncertain times, we have developed a **Business Resources** web page with the most relevant and up-to-date information for employers and employees. We know that things are changing rapidly, sometimes multiple times a day. We are doing our best to identify the available resources at morganhill.ca.gov/covid194biz.

Additionally, in partnership with the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce and Visit Morgan Hill, we have deployed a business survey to better understand how COVID-19 is affecting your business and what are the ways that we can be of assistance. Please take a few minutes to complete the **COVID-19 Impact Survey at business.morganhill.org/form/view/19485**.

COVID-19 is challenging us in ways that we never imagined. But this too has reminded us of the interconnectedness and interdependence of all our lives and how we depend on each other to make it through such a crisis. We are also reminded of the kindness and humanity that is shining through with everyday examples of support and compassion. Finally, in a true Silicon Valley form, we are enjoying the creativity and innovation from our business community as they change business models and adapt to this new normal.

Recognizing that we are in this together and that more than ever we need each other, we are going to convene virtual Business Resiliency Roundtables. These meetings will be organized by industry and will feature a guest speaker that can offer insight on industry resources. You will also be able to also hear from your peers and share what you are doing to thrive in this new world. Finally, if you want to help, we have identified some ways that you can get involved, either by donating your time and expertise or by donating money to organizations that are working to keep small businesses afloat.

The City of Morgan Hill has a small but dedicated team that is committed to continuing to serve you during this difficult time. Please complete the survey, visit our Resources page, and join us for the Business Resiliency Roundtables. Continue doing what you can to help others. We can all work together to keep each other safe!

Sincerely,

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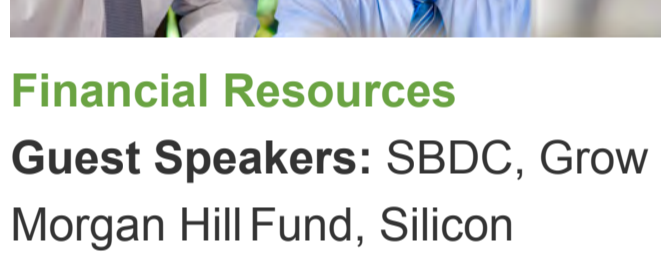


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Morgan Hill businesses with urgent, non-emergency questions can call or text **408-767-6404**

Business Resiliency Roundtables

Location: Virtual meeting details will be sent upon registration.



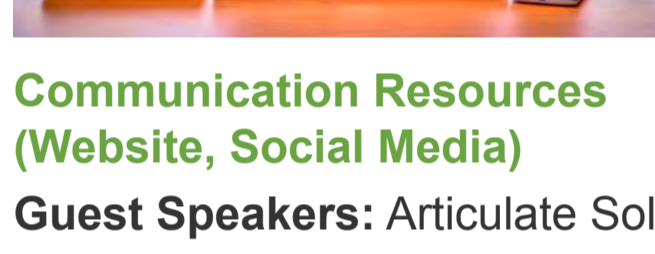
Financial Resources

Guest Speakers: SBDC, Grow Morgan Hill Fund, Silicon Valley Strong

Date: Friday, April 10th

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Communication Resources (Website, Social Media)

Guest Speakers: Articulate Solutions

Date: Wednesday, April 22nd

Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Restaurant Roundtable

Guest Speaker:

California Restaurant Association

Date: TBA

Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

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Tourism Roundtable

Guest Speaker:

California Travel Association

Date: April 17, 2020

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Manufacturing Roundtable

Guest Speaker: MANEX

Date: TBA

Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Retail Roundtable

Guest Speaker: FedEx

Date: TBA

Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Click here to go to choosemorganhill.com/covid19roundtables



NEED HELP?

Here Are Just Some Resources Available To You!

LOANS

[Small Business Administration \(SBA\) Economic Injury Loan Program](#)

- Up to \$2 million
- \$10,000 advance forgivable loan
- Interest rates of 3.75%
- 15-30 years Loans
- No collateral needed for loans under \$25,000
- Need Social Security Number

[Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Loans](#)

- For businesses, nonprofits, independent contractors, and self-employed
- \$10 million
- Low interest rates from participating lenders, banks, and credit unions.
- Up to 8 weeks of payroll forgiveness
- Retroactive to February 15, 2020
- Payments will be deferred for 6 months

[iBank- California Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank](#)

- Loan guarantee programs
- Up to \$1 million for 7 years
- Up to \$10,000 for 5 years for low-wealth entrepreneurs

GRANTS

[Silicon Valley Strong](#)

- Up to \$10,000
- Supporting sick leave payment obligation and community-supporting activities

[LISC/ Verizon - LISC](#)

- Up to \$10,000
- Targeting entrepreneurs with no access to flexible, affordable capital
- Can be used for rent, utilities, payroll, immediate operational costs & outstanding debts to vendors

TECH SUPPORT

[Need Help preparing loan paperwork?](#)

- [Small Business Resource Center \(SBDC\)](#)
- [AnewAmerica](#)
- [SCORE](#)

MUST HAVE

[Some Useful Resources & Must Have Links:](#)

- [City of Morgan Hill's Information for Businesses and Employees](#)
- [List of Arts Resources During the COVID-19 Outbreak from Creative Capital Foundation](#)
- [Forbes Small Business Relief Tracker](#)

For more business and financial resources

[CLICK HERE](#)

How can YOU Help?

If you are interested in helping other fellow businesses during this time, here are some ideas:

Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce Business Advisory Group

Volunteer your time to provide technical assistance to the business community. Contact: Brittney Sherman brittney@morganhill.org

Support Local Businesses

Buy local! Many retailers are still doing sales online and many restaurants offer takeout. Buy gift cards! It's never too early to begin your holiday shopping.

If you can, donate to a good cause!

There are great opportunities to help someone else during this time.

Consider

[Edward Boss Prado Foundation](#)
[MHUSD Essential Worker Child Care program](#)

[Community Solutions](#)
[Silicon Valley Strong](#)

Do your part!

Lead by example and do your civic responsibility to keep our community safe. Stay home if you can and respect social distancing if you can't.

Morgan Hill Takeout and Delivery Options [Click Here](#)

Don't Isolate...Virtually Congregate [Click Here](#)