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Governor Pritzker Announces Extension of Stay at Home Order

Following President Donald Trump's call for social distancing guidelines to remain in place through April 30, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker has extended the state's stay at home order to at least April 30, as well. This means that non-essential businesses will remain closed and people are urged to continue following social distancing guidelines. It also includes an extension of the suspension of on-site learning at schools. This extension does not impact the designation of banks as critical infrastructure. The Illinois stay at home order has been in effect since March 21.

New Information on SBA Assistance Programs

The Treasury Department just released new information on the \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program. More information will follow, but here is the latest regarding this program, including an application, from the Treasury Website.

Small businesses and eligible nonprofit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards. [Assistance for Small Businesses »](#)

- Top-line overview of the program
- Lender Information
- Borrower Information
- Borrower Application

The SBA has a dedicated *Coronavirus (COVID-19): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resource* page on their website with useful information on their various programs. [Visit SBA Website.](#)

CBAI also participated in a call this morning hosted by Illinois Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-16th) and representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA). SBA representatives Robert "Bo" Steiner, District Director, and Robert Esquivel, Lender Relations, reviewed the guidelines for existing programs and urged community bankers who are active SBA lenders with questions, or are interested in becoming an SBA lender, to contact [Robert](#).

Robert indicated that the timeline for being approved as an SBA lender is short, with only very basic information requirements.

[Becoming an SBA Lender »](#)

[SBA Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resource Page »](#)

OCC Offers Perspective on COVID-19 Response

During an ICBA webinar today, OCC officials relayed to community bankers that 85-90% of staff are working remotely. They are trying to adhere to the practices of individual banks in their efforts. If the bank is open they will visit, but if the bank is working remotely, they will follow suit. OCC is handling bank supervision on a case-by-case basis, realizing there is a great diversity in community banks. Two areas of focus at the moment are maintaining sufficient liquidity for instruments that are maturing and non-bank servicers who may run into liquidity issues with the demand for deferrals.

OCC noted previous guidance that COVID-19 related loan modifications up to six months would not be considered TDRs. They think it would be helpful to have an industry standard of 90-120 days on loan modifications, but would prefer banks to have flexibility. They are also working on a longer transition into CECL and liquidity in the marketplace, including broker dealers and off-balance sheet sources such as trusts, and assistance on commercial

appraisals. They also noted that small dollar lending is currently too restrictive for banks, and they plan to address the issue in guidance expected sometime in April.

CBAI COVID-19 Related Webinar Coming Soon:

Details will be available soon on a webinar entitled “The CARES Act: Impact & Implications for Community Banks.” The live webinar is scheduled for Friday, April 10, and an on-demand option will also be available.

[Webinars »](#)

Additional Resources

In a bulletin issued today, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac offer additional guidance on remote online notarization and other loan issues related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

[See Selling Guidance Related to COVID-19 »](#)



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