



North Carolina COVID-19 Relief Resources For Businesses Preparing to Reopen

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For all general questions, call Business Link North Carolina (BLNC) at 800.228.8443. BLNC staff are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. BLNC staff will connect your business to the appropriate organization for assistance. All inquiries will receive a response from a confidential business counselor within three (3) business days. “Se Habla Español.”

Are you preparing to reopen your business?

Businesses looking for the latest info on the COVID-19 situation in NC can visit the [NC Department of Health and Human Services](#) website. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services publishes guidance for dealing with the current COVID-19 situation, including specialized advice for businesses and restaurant operators.

Ongoing Mitigation Guidance

Businesses seeking guidance to plan, prepare, and respond to COVID-19 can review the [CDC’s Ongoing Mitigation Guidance](#) guidelines for potential mitigation activities according to level of community transmission or impact of COVID-19 by setting.

Guidance for Restaurant Operators

Restaurant operators getting ready to reopen should consult the recently released [COVID-19 Reopening Guidance](#) from the NC Restaurant and Lodging Association for a framework for best practices as you reopen.

[Protecting Your Business from COVID-19](#)

Pandemics like COVID-19 create a variety of unusual circumstances that you must be able to quickly adjust to. This guide from the National Institute of Standards and Technology can help you prepare for and react to COVID-19 impacts and includes best practices for protecting your facility and employees from exposure.

[Posters and Flyers to Post in Plant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

The following print-only materials are developed by the CDC to support COVID-19 recommendations. All materials are free for download. They may be printed on a standard office printer, or you may use a commercial printer. Materials are available in multiple languages.



[Key Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) resources on COVID-19, including info on disinfectants](#)

This website provides key EPA resources on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including information on disinfectants to use against COVID-19.

[Responding to a COVID-19 Exposure at Your Business](#)

The following can serve as a checklist for what you should do if you suspect a COVID-19 exposure has occurred at your facility. This advice is based upon recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). You can use the sources in this document and on the CDC's website to ensure you have the latest updates and recommendations. Be sure to refer to your state's recommendations as well.

[Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\) Record Keeping Requirements for COVID-19](#)

This link highlights OSHA standards and directives (instructions for compliance officers) and other related information that may apply to worker exposure to novel coronavirus, COVID-19

[Food Safety Guidance, NC State University, Manufacturing Extension Partnership \(MEP\) Member](#)

[FAQ on COVID-19 and Food Safety, United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#)



Secretary of Revenue Ronald G. Perry announced on March 31st that the N.C. Department of Revenue [will not impose penalties for late filing or payments of several tax types](#), including sales and use and withholding taxes, through July 15. It will also waive penalties for failure to obtain a license, failure to file a return, or failure to pay a tax that is due on March 15 through July 15.