

Eau Claire Chamber Virtual Town Hall: Federal and local response

4/23/2020 2:39:02 PM **Timur Baytok**- Good morning. This is Timur Baytok, Senator's Sys Admin. Thanks for the invite. Looks great.

4/23/2020 2:57:50 PM **Ted Maday**- What happens to FFCRA when schools were set to close at the end of May or early in June?

4/23/2020 2:59:04 PM **Dave Burke**- When you look at expenses for a small business such as ours the Revenue goes towards Mortgage, Rent, and expenses more so than employee wages. We need to take an approach to help businesses either stay open or get back open. The PPP program needs to have a deferral on the funds until the business can start up again. Seems to me that the goal should be to get small business back on their feet so they can get the pay checks flowing again. There needs to be a different Formula to solve this problem so relief actually ends up keeping small businesses open and pay checks flowing. Do you see any new guidelines coming from the SBA on this?

4/23/2020 2:59:07 PM **Bob Roemer**- When will COVID-19 Antibody Tests be available in Eau Claire?

4/23/2020 3:09:54 PM **David Minor**- Dave B, I gave her your question ahead of time. If you don't get a clear answer, please let me know and we can have the Senator give you more details.

4/23/2020 3:17:15 PM **Kristi Parr**- Tammy do these changes apply to those of us who already have the PPP funds?

4/23/2020 3:19:32 PM **Therese Olson**- As a small seasonal business, we are getting separation notices from seasonal employees from 2019 from the unemployment DWD with many inaccuracies . Despite my completing and returning online the responses as requested, I am getting DWD notices of these individuals receiving benefits from our accounts. I have tried to contact the DWD on numerous occasions without success (their only telephone contact does not work). Is there another vehicle to contact the DWD? Thank you.

4/23/2020 3:20:35 PM **Justin Zoromski**- Tammy: Will 501(c)(7) organizations be able to access funds in the second round?

4/23/2020 3:21:41 PM **Justin Zoromski**- Scott: 501(c)(7) also?

4/23/2020 3:22:37 PM **Aaron White**- For non-payroll fixed costs like rent and utilities, businesses can also look at the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). These are loans direct from SBA and have great deal of flexibility : low interest, terms up to 30 years, and deferred payments . The legislation that is adding to the PPP program is also adding funds to the EIDL program.

4/23/2020 3:24:09 PM **Heidi Olson**- 501c7's need help too....private golf courses.

4/23/2020 3:25:22 PM **Sheleen Hackbarth**- Have the EIDL SBA grants been dispersed to any businesses to date? If not, what does the timeline look like for that money?

4/23/2020 3:25:37 PM **Dave Burke**- What happens at the end of 8 weeks from now if the economy remains stagnant and I have used up all of the PPP funds for payroll to maximize the full potential loan forgiveness? Do i lay my employees off again or do you see another wave of relief coming?

4/23/2020 3:26:25 PM **Therese Olson**- Can a business be eligible and receive funds for both the PPP and the EIDL?

4/23/2020 3:28:29 PM **Aaron White**- Sheleen H I don't know about locally, but the first round of EIDL allocated funds were full distributed. The legislation just passed would add an additional \$60 billion to that program.

4/23/2020 3:28:56 PM **Dave Burke**- We have also applied for the SBA / EIDL loan right out of the gate and so far have heard nothing. Do we need to reapply again?

4/23/2020 3:29:21 PM **Brian Christianson**- Building off of WI punching above our weight for federal funds; are there large companies in WI that received small business funding by exploiting the accounting tricks you mentioned earlier?

4/23/2020 3:29:55 PM **Amy Fogeltanz**- Why isn't a regional view of Wisconsin used regarding the bounce back plan? The Chippewa Valley area has been very low. Eau Claire County has had only 2 new cases since April 6...we have a healthcare crisis but we are laying off healthcare workers. Something seems wrong with that.

4/23/2020 3:30:27 PM **Charlie Walker**- Question-In WWII the United States had an active War Bond Program to help pay for it...should we be looking at something similar to help cover the ballooning government cost (s)..your thoughts....I know we need to think of how this long term debt will impact our future business operations and tax ramification. I think this is something our creative artists and musicians could help with .

4/23/2020 3:30:27 PM **Jake Wrasse**- Politico reported that the Dept. of Ed has only disbursed about 1% of allocated relief funds to universities and schools. Can you speak to how Wisconsin's delegation is working to ensure timely distribution of funds for this and all other crucial federal relief efforts?

4/23/2020 3:31:01 PM **Ashley DeMuth**- Sheleen - The Menomonie Area Chamber has had a response that some local businesses have successfully received SBA grants/loans

4/23/2020 3:32:32 PM **Luke Kempen**- Tammy, you mentioned that while farmers can apply for PPP it often is not a good fit for farmers. I know CARES had money designated for farmers yet it has been a month and no programs seem to be in place. Is anything coming soon specific for farmers? Waht is holding this up?

4/23/2020 3:48:30 PM **Christina Thrun**- Will this task force be working to lobby with the Governor to look at regions or counties that have low cases to allow them gradually open up through the recommendations this task force is identifying?

4/23/2020 3:52:01 PM **Aaron Libner**- Please message me on the task force.

4/23/2020 3:53:31 PM **Linda Pophal**- Where can we find the org chart?

4/23/2020 3:54:13 PM **Chester J Gustavson**- Here is the link for the Org Chart <https://www.eauclairechamber.org/eau-claire-chamber-blog/covid-19-economic-recovery-task-force>

4/23/2020 3:54:26 PM **Mark Faanes**- Org chart is on Critical Business Update page on Chamber website. See below

4/23/2020 3:55:47 PM **Chrystal Mills**- Linda, go to Chamber website under Communications tab and click on Chamber blog. Task force info along with org chart is listed there.

4/23/2020 3:56:36 PM **Aaron Libner**- Emailed per your request, we at Coulee Tech look forward to helping however we can.

4/23/2020 3:56:37 PM **Linda Pophal**- Thanks!

4/23/2020 3:57:55 PM **Charlie Walker**-I look forward to helping where is needed. Sign me up.

4/23/2020 3:58:21 PM **Aaron Libner**- Well said Dale, and thank you all for what you all are doing! :)

4/23/2020 4:00:01 PM **Jake Wrasse**- My thanks to everyone at the chamber for continuing to facilitate these excellent community forums. Your leadership is appreciated!

4/23/2020 4:00:20 PM **Emily Elsner Twesme**- Can you please tell us again who we should email to get involved in the task force?

4/23/2020 4:00:41 PM **Mark Faanes**- dave minor or scott Rogers