



CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

Dear Business Owner,

I realize that many of our residents are feeling stressed, anxious, and concerned about coronavirus (COVID-19). However, we must remain calm, keep a steady hand, and follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

We know that this is a challenging time for many of our local business owners and staff, and together we will do everything that we can to limit the impact of COVID-19 and offer relief.

For this reason, I have assembled an economic recovery task-force focused on next steps to ensure a smooth recovery process via federal, state, and local funding initiatives.

Yesterday, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the launch of a \$50 million emergency disaster bridge loan with a turnaround time of up to two weeks after loan approval.

I encourage Tampa's businesses to apply as soon as possible, as these funds are limited. To apply, please go to sbdctampabay.com/coronavirus

Please also text TAMPABIZ to 888-777 to receive up-to-date messages as more information regarding economic relief becomes available and follow our website at tampagov.net/COVID-19

Small businesses are the economic backbone of our community. We are doing everything possible to alleviate the burden of COVID-19, while prioritizing public health.

I want us all to remember that Tampa is a strong and resilient city. We have gone through challenges before, and we will emerge from this challenge a stronger and more united community.

Thank you,

Mayor Jane Castor