

COVID-19 UPDATE



ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES

The United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue has announced that agricultural producers are now for the first time eligible for the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). SBA's EIDL portal has been closed since April 15th but announced that it will reopen today as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program. This legislation, which was signed by President Trump on April 24th, will provide additional funding for farmers and ranchers affected by Covid-19.

SBA is re-opening the Loan and Advance application portal to agricultural enterprises only. For producers that had submitted an EIDL load application through the portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without needing to re-apply. For more information or to access the EIDL application, click [here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE – PARTIAL YEAR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL

The DMV has created a step-by-step video guide to partial year vehicle registration via the Virtual Field Office. The video can also be found on the California DMV YouTube Channel using the link below: <https://youtu.be/lzoDzcVWZqk>

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE'S COVID-19 WEBPAGE

Please be reminded that CDFA continues to post up-to-date COVID-19 information and resources for the food and agricultural industry on its website. The dedicated page related to COVID-19 can be accessed using the link below: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/coronavirus/>

FDA GUIDELINES ON USE OF RESPIRATORS, FACEMASKS, AND CLOTH FACE COVERINGS IN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advise the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and to help people who are unaware they have the virus from spreading it to others. This has led to questions from the Food and Agriculture Sector about what respirators, disposable facemasks, such as surgical or medical masks, or cloth face coverings are most appropriate for various settings. This fact sheet, developed in collaboration with CDC, provides a quick reference to these items potentially worn by workers in the Food and Agriculture Sector. Respirators, disposable facemasks, or cloth face coverings are designed and worn for different purposes as described in the following PDF link: <https://www.fda.gov/media/137327/download>