



NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM EWDD GENERAL MANAGER CAROLYN M. HULL



In light of Mayor Eric Garcetti’s Safer at Home Order, EWDD’s BusinessSource, WorkSource and YouthSource Centers are providing resources remotely, via phone, email and social media. EWDD is postponing all major events, including job fairs, until the COVID-19 health crisis subsides.

During these uncertain times, EWDD remains committed to continuing to provide services to all Angelenos. EWDD’s BusinessSource Centers will continue to help small business owners with loans, such as the City’s Small Business Emergency Microloan Program. WorkSource Centers will help job seekers with Unemployment Insurance (UI) applications and limited job placement assistance. In addition, YouthSource Centers will continue to provide information, referrals and access to support services to the City’s Youth.

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Additional resources for Angelenos whose jobs are impacted by COVID-19 can also find additional information at lajobsportal.org.

We would like to assure EWDD's clients and participants that we are doing everything possible to ensure your health and safety, which includes the launch of new virtual trainings and workshops. Last week, EWDD's South Valley BusinessSource Center, overseen by EWDD partner ICON CDC, hosted a Sidewalk Vending Workshop in Spanish via Facebook Live, which was attended by at least 20 people who followed along in real time. Starting this week, EWDD's Rapid Response Team began hosting virtual orientations to help guide Angelenos through the process of filling out Unemployment Insurance applications. We are currently building a dedicated web page detailing this information and it will be ready soon.

In the past week, EWDD has received more than **50 Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notifications (WARN)** from the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD), indicating that *an estimated 5,000 employees were laid off* in the LA area. On the economic development side, *more than 900 applications have been submitted* for the Small Business Emergency Microloan Program, and our staff is working non-stop to process these applications to help tide over small businesses until this crisis subsides.

EWDD's staff is working tirelessly to assist employees and employers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For additional information, please visit <https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/ewdd-covid19>

Sincerely,
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BUSINESS METRICS:

LABSCs Reporting:	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor
Microenterprise enrolled	22
Microenterprise assisted	123
Small businesses enrolled	2
Small businesses assisted	42
Sidewalk vendors enrolled	23
Sidewalk vendors assisted	34
Number of BSC clients who attended workshops	5

"Updates" is the weekly report from the EWDD General Manager to the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, and is produced by EWDD's communications section. If you have questions, comments or wish to have a contribution considered for an upcoming "Updates," please contact Jamie Francisco at (213) 744-9048 or Jamie.Francisco@lacity.org