COVID-19 MAY 13, 2020 UPDATE

State News

The State Chamber/AIA has developed an interactive tool showing Arkansas business reopening dates that is updated regularly here.

The State Chamber/AIA has revised our COVID-19 Prevention Best Practices Document to assist businesses with their reopening efforts here.

AGRMA advocates greater legal protections for businesses here.


The Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center (ASBTDC) is holding a series of webinars as part of its Keep Calm and Small Business On effort here.

The University of Central Arkansas Center for Community & Economic Development in partnership with Retail Strategies is holding a webinar titled “Understanding the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and What It Means for Your Community” from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. For more information, click here.

Representatives of the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will hold a webinar “Overview of the Paid Leave Requirements Under the FFCRA” followed by Q&A at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20. For more information or to register, click here.

Arkansas State Chamber member North Arkansas College has provided short video tutorials below for anyone struggling to access a virtual meeting:

Zoom here
Microsoft Teams here
GoToMeeting here
WebEx here

Federal News

New liquidity support from the Federal Reserve here and FAQs.

CDC issues COVID-19 updates here.

COVID-19 impact on U.S. EPA programs and operations here.

As states rush to reopen, scientists fear a coronavirus comeback here.

Even finding a COVID-19 vaccine won’t be enough to end the pandemic here.

COVID-19 cases spiking in heartland communities here.

Major League Baseball season might start on July 4th weekend here.

COVID-19 may be worse for smokers and vapers here.

How pandemics end here.

For additional information and resources, check our COVID-19 Coronavirus and Arkansas page here.