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Business Liability Executive Order from Governor
Executive Order 20-33 regarding employers and businesses orders that:
- All businesses and their employees shall be immune from civil liability as a result of exposure to COVID-19.
- Immunity does not apply to willful, reckless or intentional misconduct.
- A presumption that the actions are not willful or reckless if the business owner substantially complies with public health directives.
- Immunity does not extend to worker compensation benefits.
- Immunity is effective from today until the emergency is terminated.

Executive Order 20-34 regarding immunity for health care providers orders that:
- Health care workers and providers are authorized to use crisis standards of care to respond to COVID-19 patients.
- The health care providers as emergency workers are immune from civil liability.
- Immunity does not extend to willful, reckless, or intentional misconduct.
- Immunity is effective from today until the emergency is terminated.

Executive Order 20-35 regarding workers compensation coverage orders that:
- Assures workers compensation coverage for employees.
- COVID-19 is considered an occupational disease under the law.
- COVID-19 shall be an exception to prohibition on compensation for ordinary diseases of life.
- There must be a causal connection between employment and the disease.
- Extends during the public health emergency.

Executive Order 20-33 can be viewed [here](#).
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In a new wave of COVID-19 infections in Arkansas, please remember the basics:

- Post COVID-19 Signage at the Entrances to your Buildings
- Follow CDC and OSHA Disinfecting Guidelines
- Wear Protective Equipment in Manufacturing Facilities – Gloves and Shields
- Screen People for COVID-19
- Face Coverings – Wear Masks When Out in Public
- Physical Distancing – Maintain a Distance of 6 feet Between You and Others
- Occupancy Limits – Follow State Guidelines
- Wash Your Hands Often for at least 20 Seconds with Soap and Water
- Use Hand Sanitizer as a Disinfectant When Soap and Water are not available
- Avoid Touching Your Face

Summary of Gov. Hutchinson’s June 15 press conference [here](#).

State Chamber/AIA interactive tool with Arkansas business reopening dates [here](#).

Tomorrow at 2:30 p.m., a “RechARge Arkansas” webinar will be presented titled “PPP Loan Updates: Flexibility and Forgiveness.”
Join Cal McCastlain, with Dover Dixon Horne, PLLC, who will help PPP loan borrowers understand the recently modified guidelines that allow flexibility in using PPP funds. Cal will also discuss details and steps for preparing the loan forgiveness application to ensure that borrowers are informed and prepared for loan forgiveness. Click here to register.

UAMS modeling: Arkansas active COVID-19 infections could reach 175,000 here.

ASBTDC holding various COVID-19-related online training events here.

Federal News

Scientists hail dexamethasone as 'major breakthrough' in treating COVID-19 here.

Masks help stop the spread of coronavirus; why aren't people wearing them here.

Almost one in four adult workers vulnerable to severe illness from COVID-19 here.

Contact tracing best tool we have until a vaccine is available here.

Fauci says ‘real normality’ unlikely for a year as U.S. continues pandemic slog here.

Accuracy still unknown for many coronavirus tests rushed out here.

Millions of job losses are at risk for becoming permanent here.

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