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### **Routt County Working to Support Our Local Businesses and Employees**

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, March 19, 2020 — Currently, the only thing that is certain is that things are uncertain. Things are changing and there is going to be a new normal; there are going to be challenges; the community will weather the storm in its typical resilient manner. What we are not sure of right now, among other things, is how long it will be before things normalize, and what the full scope of COVID-19 disaster's impact will be on our businesses or jobs. It can be overwhelming, and we are all going to need to take time to get acclimated.

There are a number of resources from experts to help business owners, managers and employees navigate the effects of COVID-19. A few of the local and regional resources include:

- The Steamboat Springs Chamber has pulled together a number of resources and other information for [Businesses](#) and [Employees](#)
- Though most government offices have been closed, most employees continue to work and websites are being updated regularly. Reach out for additional information on available resources: Routt County: (970) 879-0108, City of Steamboat Springs (970) 879-2060, Town of Hayden (970) 276-3741, Town of Oak Creek (970) 736-2422, Town of Yampa (970) 638-4511
- Northwest Small Business Development Center provides business consulting, guidance and training, as well as being a regional resource for recovery <https://northwestsbdc.org/>
- Colorado's application for federal disaster area designation has been approved. The Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan application is now open. Information and application materials are found at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>
- Colorado Dept of Labor & Employment information on sick leave, unemployment insurance and wage claims can be found here: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/information-and-resources-coronavirus>
- General information from the State of Colorado can be found at: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- Yampa Valley Community Fund has also created an Emergency Fund to address the needs of the community during this time <https://yvcf.org/covid19/>

As a community, we are continuing to work on all avenues of support for businesses and employees. There are numerous Routt County, regional, state and federal resources that will be widely looked to in our on-going response and recovery efforts.