



Jewish Federation OF GREATER HOUSTON

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Dear Jran Community:

Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has released [new details for the Paycheck Protection Program](#) (PPP). Here is a quick breakdown of the updated information and the timeline:

- **NEW**
 - SBA updated its website to reflect that the **interest rate for the PPP loan will be .5%** if you do not qualify for loan forgiveness
- This program is intended as a **direct incentive to keep people on your payroll** by:
 - Allowing PPP funds to be used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities
 - Freeing up those budgeted items to allow you to flexibility to use general operating funds elsewhere
- The SBA will forgive the PPP loan if all employees are kept on your organization's payroll for 8 weeks
- You can apply through any lender that is an SBA 7(a) lender or a federally insured depository institution (look for the FIDC logo), federally insured credit union or Farm Credit System institution.
 - You do not need to set up a new 7(a)/small business account – you can use your existing account with any of the above-mentioned lenders
- There are **several resources** to help you apply for the loan
 - For general information from the Jewish Federations of North American about the SBA loans for nonprofits, click [here](#)
 - The SBA has set up a [website with more information](#) and the [sample application](#)
 - If you need assistance in filling out the application, [please let me know](#)

Houston and Harris County Resources

Yesterday, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo extended the [Stay Home, Work Safe](#) order through **April 30th, 2020**. This order is subject to change as the situation evolves.

- **CORRECTION:** Yesterday, I mistakenly wrote that the President's social distancing order was extended through April 15th. That was a mistake, it was extended through April 30th.

Today, the City of Houston will open its **second drive thru COVID19 testing site**. The two City testing sites will have the capacity to test 250 people per day. This brings the County and City sites up to 4 locations with the ability to test 1,000 people a day.

- You will still need to [complete the online screening tool](#) before receiving a unique code to get tested. People just showing up to either site will not be tested without a code
 - You can also call the department's COVID-19 call center at 832-393-4220 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to get screened
- A FEMA contractor will call individuals with the results of their tests. The City and County are asking that while you wait for your test results, you follow the [COVID19 waiting instructions](#).
- The City has also released a [list of COVI19 testing sites](#), including several private ones (most have been in prior JРАН emails)

Finally, the world-wide stay at home orders have resulted in a [dramatic drop in air pollution](#), [traffic accidents are down](#), and goats have [taken over a small seaside Welsh town](#).

Take care today and please reach out if you need any assistance navigating any of the COVID19 orders, or if you just want to say "hi". We are here for you throughout this crisis.

Stay healthy and at home,

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