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"Creating an Environment for Investment"

City of Troy Building Department Is Open for Business.

The Troy Building Department is accepting building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, sewer, and fence permit applications by mail, email, or electronic submittal. Get your plans approved **NOW** and be ready to go when construction starts back up!

Permits can be paid for with a credit card; link supplied upon review approval. Please call [248-524-3344](tel:248-524-3344) for additional information or visit the [City of Troy website](#) to obtain permit applications. You may email the Building Department at BuildingInspection@troymi.gov.

Business Guide During the Time of COVID-19

Congresswoman Haley Stevens offers a guide within the Federal Government Business Resources Guide. [Click Here](#) to find a list of comprehensive resources for you to consider accessing or applying for during this time. This document has been

COVID-19 Information for our Businesses



Michigan Businesses May Now Apply for Federal Paycheck Protection Program

Small businesses across Michigan are now able to apply for \$349 billion in Paycheck Protection Program forgivable loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans are designed to help small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. Loans may be forgiven in all or in part if employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the funds are used toward payroll, rent, mortgage interest or utilities. The program will award loans on a first come, first served basis with funding caps in place, and Michigan businesses are encouraged to apply early. The application period for small businesses opened April 3, and for independent contractors and sole proprietors April 10. [Click here](#) for info.

Business News

Special thanks to Troy Business PGS



PGS converted its automotive manufacturing operation using its crisis manufacturing management™ tools to ramp up production to build face shields during the coronavirus pandemic and meet medical and first responder critical needs. They have finished material ready-to-ship and are producing over 15,000 units per day. PGS will continue to update the product offerings and product readiness as they become available. The City of Troy provided PGS with site identification assistance and connected PGS to the Troy School District. PGS thanks the Troy School District for their generous support to the project by donating the use of about 40,000 sq. ft. at the old ITT building next door to PGS. They are also using their current building site for this medical emergency project.

updated since the passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act allocates more than \$375 billion for small business support and \$260 billion for unemployment.

Keep Wastewater Flowing Safely During COVID-19

SEMCOG, the SE Michigan Council of Governments, has teamed with the **Alliance of Rouge Communities**, the **Freshwater Forum at the Cranbrook Institute of Science** and the **Great Lakes Water Authority** to provide a **One Water** message to share with residents. Misuse of wastewater systems associated with COVID-19 has caused issues in Southeast Michigan and across the country.

"Flushable wipes," household disinfecting wipes, latex gloves, and other products all create blockages in household pipes and municipal sewer systems and should never be flushed down the toilet. Only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed.

Click here for the video you can share.

If you need additional information, please contact Glenn Lapin, Economic Development Specialist at 248-524-3314 or g.lapin@troymi.gov.

PGS received a 100,000 piece order from Henry Ford Health Systems. From the day they were first contacted about making face shields, PGS secured supply-based, engineered fixtures for operator use, received material, and started producing within one week. By the end of the second week they were producing 10,000 Face Shields per day, with a ramp schedule to get them to 20,000 per day by the end of this week (4-17-2020).

They added a plastic gown separation project to the process, with 40 people/day working on that project, alone. They are tearing plastic gowns from rolls, folding them, and placing them in a box for use by doctors. These are tear-away gowns that they can change after every patient.

For information, call Richard Najarian at (248) 709-9878 or healthcare@pgsinc.net

Pure Michigan Business Connect Offering up to \$1 Million in Grants to Manufacturers Looking to Retool and Produce Critical Service Supplies

Michigan's small business manufacturers looking to produce critical health and human service supplies can now apply for up to \$150,000 in grants through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's PMBC COVID-19 Emergency Access & Retooling Program. The newly launched grant program will provide up to \$1 million in grants to Michigan's manufacturers that can quickly and effectively retool and produce critical supplies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. **Click here** for info.

Self-Employed, Other Newly Eligible Workers Can Apply for Unemployment Starting Today, April 13

Michigan's self-employed workers, gig workers, 1099-independent contractors and low-wage workers affected by COVID-19 can apply for federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) beginning Monday, April 13 at 8AM. Under the federal CARES Act, workers on state unemployment have already begun receiving the set \$600 federal weekly payment in addition to their state benefit amount. Michigan is one of the first states to begin sending the \$600 payment.

"Ensuring Michiganders have access to state and federal benefits during this pandemic is a critical part in protecting everyone's health and safety," Governor Whitmer said. "We will do everything we can to continue providing emergency financial assistance as quickly as possible to the Michigan working families who have lost income as a result of COVID-19."

Newly eligible workers who have yet to apply for unemployment benefits

Self-employed workers, gig workers, 1099-independent contractors and low-wage workers can apply for federal benefits beginning Monday, April 13 at 8AM online at [Michigan.gov/UIA](https://www.michigan.gov/UIA). Online is the fastest and easiest way to access these benefits.