

**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

To: New York Community Banks

Our first Thursday update includes news about today's scheduled House vote on the "Stimulus 3.5" package; correspondence IBANYS received this morning from The White House; reporting on large bank practices regarding the PPP; the latest on unemployment; how to access archived materials from yesterday's webinar with SBA officials, and more.

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### **House Set To Vote On PPP Extension Today**

The House today is set to take up Senate-passed legislation [https://www.icba.org/news/news-details/2020/04/21/icba-statement-on-senate-passage-of-second-round-of-ppp-funding?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=informz&zs=4jQgU&zl=jGe42](https://www.icba.org/news/news-details/2020/04/21/icba-statement-on-senate-passage-of-second-round-of-ppp-funding?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=informz&zs=4jQgU&zl=jGe42) that includes an additional \$310 billion to restart the Paycheck Protection Program with at least \$60 billion set aside for community banks. The bipartisan bill responding to the COVID-19 outbreak dedicates at least \$30 billion of the PPP to institutions under \$10 billion in assets and another \$30 billion to those with between \$10 billion and \$50 billion in assets.

ICBA and the nation's community bankers, including IBANYS, have repeatedly called on policymakers to quickly extend the PPP and dedicate at least a quarter of the funds to community banks under \$50 billion in assets. In an American Banker op-ed published ahead of the Senate vote, ICBA Chairman Noah Wilcox urged Congress to ensure the legislation includes these policies. ICBA also this week urged the Treasury Department and SBA to begin preparing to administer the community bank funding allocation.

[https://www.icba.org/news/news-details/2020/04/21/icba-letter-regarding-ppp-community-bank-allocation?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=informz&zs=4jQgU&zl=lGe42](https://www.icba.org/news/news-details/2020/04/21/icba-letter-regarding-ppp-community-bank-allocation?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=informz&zs=4jQgU&zl=lGe42)

**Community bankers can continue to use ICBA's Be Heard grassroots action center to urge Congress to immediately approve the legislation:** <https://icba.quorum.us/campaign/25772/>

### **IBANYS Received The Following Correspondence From The White House This Morning.**

New York Business Partners,

Thank you for your continued efforts in the whole-of-America approach to respond to and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 (coronavirus) for the benefit of the people of New York. The Federal government scales best practices, coordinates key priorities, provides regulatory flexibilities, guidance, and key resources to supplement, but not replace, private sector, local, and State resources. On January 31, the Trump Administration declared the coronavirus a public health emergency.

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/01/31/secretary-azar-declares-public-health-emergency-us-2019-novel-coronavirus.html>. The declaration set in motion the Trump Administration's whole-of-government approach to protecting the health of Americans in response to the coronavirus. Working in partnership with State, Local, Tribal, and business leaders, the President and Administration have and continue to leverage all resources to respond to the coronavirus, bringing together government and private industry in a collaborative response.

Attached, please find a fact sheet (*The Trump Administration Is Supporting the People of New York*) overviewing Federal coordination and assistance provided to the State of New York and the people of New York to combat the coronavirus. The attached information is bolstered by hundreds of additional actions by the Federal government to help the people of New York in partnership with State and local leaders.

The White House Office of Public Liaison (WH OPL) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH OPL is the primary liaison between the White House and the business community.

Sincerely,

**The White House Office of Public Liaison**

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White House Office of Public Liaison

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**Yesterday's Webinar Materials Are Archived And Will be Available Later Today**

At yesterday's inter-agency webinar, Small Business Administration (SBA) officials provided an overview of how to apply to become a PPP lender, and featured a discussion of how the process functions, and where to find additional guidance on the program.

*...If you were not able to participate live, webinar materials will be archived at [www.askthefed.org](http://www.askthefed.org) in the "All Calls" tab, and can be accessed later today, a few hours after the webinar ends.*

**New York Times: Large Banks Prioritized Wealthy Clients Over Retail Customers In PPP Process**

*The New York Times* reports that at some of the country's largest banks, wealthy clients were prioritized over retail customers in the coronavirus small business loan applications, according to interviews with half a dozen bank employees and financial industry executives, with some lenders providing concierge services to rich clients by assigning them a representative to help with their application process. For example, at the private bank held by Citigroup Inc., which has a \$25 million account minimum, customers could bypass an online portal and give paperwork to their banker who would handle the application, and JPMorgan Chase & Co., U.S. Bancorp and others had similarly two-tiered systems.

**Read the full article below:**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/22/business/sba-loans-ppp-coronavirus.html?mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRVME1XRmtObVU0WmpjMiIsInQiOiJCWk1WdnVwejJDM3MzNDdNdVBtVU1UXC9nUWZKQk1vN1hCOUhOdGRjQUZ0NlICXC9zNG5MVmtFSCtrMVdFM1IHRXJTRG9iKzVKaGE0VEtkRGR3dXIMSDRwa1Y4K2c1VkJwNEdUUnlrU1NoeXJRc05xbTdubThWmpIQzhrZWd6dHVvIn0%3D](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/22/business/sba-loans-ppp-coronavirus.html?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRVME1XRmtObVU0WmpjMiIsInQiOiJCWk1WdnVwejJDM3MzNDdNdVBtVU1UXC9nUWZKQk1vN1hCOUhOdGRjQUZ0NlICXC9zNG5MVmtFSCtrMVdFM1IHRXJTRG9iKzVKaGE0VEtkRGR3dXIMSDRwa1Y4K2c1VkJwNEdUUnlrU1NoeXJRc05xbTdubThWmpIQzhrZWd6dHVvIn0%3D)

**Big Banks Ready To Flood The Zone With New Applications For SBA Loans**

According to Bloomberg, big U.S. banks are preparing to flood loan applications into the government's emergency financing program for small businesses the moment Congress replenishes it with \$320 billion in additional funding. Packets ready to go at just a few of the largest firms stretch into the tens of billions of dollars.

**Read the full article at the link provided below.**

[https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-04-22/wells-fargo-bofa-prep-tidal-wave-of-applications-for-sba-loans?mkt\\_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRVME1XRmtObVU0WmpjMiIsInQiOiJCWk1WdnVwejJDM3MzNDdNdVBtVU1UXC9nUWZKQk1vN1hCOUhOdGRjQUZ0NlICXC9zNG5MVmtFSCtrMVdFM1IHRXJTRG9iKzVKaGE0VEtkRGR3dXIMSDRwa1Y4K2c1VkJwNEdUUnlrU1NoeXJRc05xbTdubThWmpIQzhrZWd6dHVvIn0%3D](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-04-22/wells-fargo-bofa-prep-tidal-wave-of-applications-for-sba-loans?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWIRVME1XRmtObVU0WmpjMiIsInQiOiJCWk1WdnVwejJDM3MzNDdNdVBtVU1UXC9nUWZKQk1vN1hCOUhOdGRjQUZ0NlICXC9zNG5MVmtFSCtrMVdFM1IHRXJTRG9iKzVKaGE0VEtkRGR3dXIMSDRwa1Y4K2c1VkJwNEdUUnlrU1NoeXJRc05xbTdubThWmpIQzhrZWd6dHVvIn0%3D)

### **Latest On Unemployment Figures**

Another 4.4 million Americans filed for unemployment last week, according to data released today by the U.S. Department of Labor. <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/OPA/newsreleases/ui-claims/20200691.pdf>

While the pace of layoffs is easing, more than 26 million Americans have filed jobless claims in recent weeks as the coronavirus pandemic takes a never-before-seen toll on the job market. "Axios" reports that the labor market may be worse than the government's figures suggest. Unemployment offices across the country have been overwhelmed by the deluge of filings and processing has been delayed. Additionally, they're racing to catch up to the adjusted requirements for unemployment laid out in the federal coronavirus stimulus. California, Florida, Texas and Georgia saw the biggest surge in new unemployment claims. The official unemployment rate for April won't be released until next month, but some economists predict the figure could rival that seen during the Great Depression.

**Read the full article at the link provided below.**

[https://www.axios.com/unemployment-filings-coronavirus-f57ac359-17e9-4749-906a-9fc76f894b09.html?stream=politics&utm\\_source=alert&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=alerts\\_politics](https://www.axios.com/unemployment-filings-coronavirus-f57ac359-17e9-4749-906a-9fc76f894b09.html?stream=politics&utm_source=alert&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=alerts_politics)

### **Downstate-Upstate Coronavirus Comparison**

As of Sunday, New York City proper, Long Island and the City's northern suburbs (Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties) had recorded almost 14,000 Covid-19 deaths -- 97 percent of the statewide total and a third of the nationwide toll. The impact on the other 50 counties has been far less severe, with 410 deaths as of Sunday. Compared to the nation as a whole, upstate's infection and fatality rates are closer to normal. **Read the full analysis below.**

[https://www.empirecenter.org/publications/upstate-escapes-the-worst/?utm\\_source=Empire+Center+emails&utm\\_campaign=f153700ab0-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_11\\_02\\_06\\_32\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6cc7720848-f153700ab0-290629861](https://www.empirecenter.org/publications/upstate-escapes-the-worst/?utm_source=Empire+Center+emails&utm_campaign=f153700ab0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_11_02_06_32_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6cc7720848-f153700ab0-290629861)

**You can access Governor Cuomo's Thursday, April 23 briefing via the link below:**

[https://www.scribd.com/document/457949617/NYS-Gov-Andrew-Cuomo-April-23-Coronavirus-Presentation?utm\\_source=First+Read+Newsletters&utm\\_campaign=a11d1911f5-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_04\\_23\\_04\\_15&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_252d27c7d1-a11d1911f5-34718972&mc\\_cid=a11d1911f5&mc\\_eid=e55c2af3e3](https://www.scribd.com/document/457949617/NYS-Gov-Andrew-Cuomo-April-23-Coronavirus-Presentation?utm_source=First+Read+Newsletters&utm_campaign=a11d1911f5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_23_04_15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_252d27c7d1-a11d1911f5-34718972&mc_cid=a11d1911f5&mc_eid=e55c2af3e3)

### **Confidence In Fed Leadership At 15-year High**

Americans' confidence in the Federal Reserve's leadership reached a 15-year high as the central bank moved aggressively to counter the crippling economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. A combined 58% of respondents said they had a "great deal" or "fair amount" of confidence that Fed Chairman Jerome Powell would do or recommend the right thing for the economy, according to an April 1-14 survey by Gallup.

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**IBANYS will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available. Thank you all for your continued participation and support.**

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