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To: New York Community Banks

FROM ICBA

ICBA launches PPP small-biz video series to elevate community banking

ICBA launched a series of videos featuring small-business owners who successfully received Paycheck Protection Program loans from community banks, often after megabanks proved unresponsive. The video series on the updated banklocally.org includes several entrepreneurs from across the country whose local community banks worked around the clock to process their loans as the coronavirus pandemic hit. ICBA will feature the new videos on its social media channels in the coming days with the #BankLocally hashtag and encourages community bankers nationwide to weigh in and promote the campaign to their followers. [Banklocally.org](https://banklocally.org) allows community banks and small businesses to share their successful PPP experiences by submitting their positive stories directly to the site. ICBA encourages community bankers to submit stories so the ICBA Marketing and Communications team can continue to capture testimonials promoting community banking. Banklocally.org also features: ICBA's [Community Bank Locator](#), a highly trafficked map that allows consumers and small businesses to find a community bank near them; blog posts on the benefits of community banking; and articles on how community banks are leading the economic recovery. ICBA will continue working to elevate community banks in the media and beyond by showcasing how they stepped up during the coronavirus pandemic and proved themselves the unequivocal leaders of the economic recovery.

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Op-ed: How PPP simplification can preserve the recovery

Policymakers can advance the economic recovery despite stalled negotiations over the next economic stimulus package, ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey writes in a new [op-ed on Medium](#). Bipartisan legislation to simplify Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness will help small businesses dedicate more of their resources to paying workers and further supporting local economies, Romero Rainey writes. While the SBA last week announced a simplified process for PPP loans of \$50,000 or less, ICBA continues calling on Congress to immediately pass legislation to simplify forgiveness for loans of \$150,000 or less. ICBA continues calling on [community bankers](#) and [small-business owners](#) to urge Congress to immediately pass the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Small Business Forgiveness Act (H.R. 7777/S. 4117).

SBA clarifies deadlines for PPP forgiveness applications

Oct. 31 is not the deadline for Paycheck Protection Program borrowers to apply for forgiveness, the SBA clarified in a new addition to its [PPP frequently asked questions](#). The Oct. 31 expiration date on PPP loan forgiveness application forms is displayed as part of SBA compliance with Paperwork Reduction Act, the agency said. It reflects the temporary expiration date for approved use of the forms, though this date will be extended. The FAQs note that borrowers may submit applications any time before the maturity date of the loan, which is either two or five years from loan origination. If a borrower does not apply for loan forgiveness within 10 months after the last day of the borrower's loan forgiveness covered period, loan payments are no longer deferred. Additional guidance and resources are available on [Treasury's PPP webpage](#) and ICBA's [COVID-19 resource center](#).

FinCEN issues advisory on unemployment insurance fraud

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network [issued an advisory](#) to alert financial institutions to unemployment insurance fraud observed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The advisory contains descriptions of coronavirus-related UI fraud, associated red flag indicators, and information on reporting suspicious activity. ICBA has worked with law enforcement to help community banks amid the rise of UI fraud. The advisory and additional resources are available on ICBA's [Bank Cyber and Data Security Guide](#).

U.S. coronavirus hospitalizations rise: video

New coronavirus cases are reaching new highs while U.S. hospitalizations are ticking up, according to the latest Market Watch Weekly News video from ICBA Securities and Vining Sparks. The weekly video breaks down the latest COVID-19 and economic numbers while previewing the week ahead. [View the video.](#)

FROM OTHER SOURCES

- Senate Majority Leader McConnell said the chamber would vote on a narrow coronavirus stimulus bill next week, with roughly \$500 billion for hospitals, schools, and an extension of enhanced unemployment insurance benefits and Paycheck Protection Program funding. President Trump appeared to criticize the move, and House Speaker Pelosi remains in negotiations with Treasury Secretary Mnuchin over a larger relief package. ([The Washington Post](#))

FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

SBA & Treasury have recently released additional guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

[Forgiveness Frequently Asked Questions](#) – General Loan Forgiveness FAQ # 4 (page 2) has been added (Released 10/13/20)

Question: The PPP loan forgiveness application forms (3508, 3508EZ, and 3508S) display an expiration date of 10/31/2020 in the upper-right corner. Is October 31, 2020 the deadline for borrowers to apply for forgiveness?

Answer: No. Borrowers may submit a loan forgiveness application any time before the maturity date of the loan, which is either two or five years from loan origination. However, if a borrower does not apply for loan forgiveness within 10 months after the last day of the borrower's loan forgiveness covered period, loan payments are no longer deferred and the borrower must begin making payments on the loan. For example, a borrower whose covered period ends on October 30, 2020 has until August 30, 2021 to apply for forgiveness before loan repayment begins. The expiration date in the upper-right corner of the posted PPP loan forgiveness application forms is displayed for purposes of SBA's compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, and reflects the temporary expiration date for approved use of the forms. This date will be extended, and when approved, the same forms with the new expiration date will be posted.

FROM NEW YORK

- Hospitalizations in New York due to the coronavirus have topped 900 patients for the first time since the summer amid rising cases in "hot spot" clusters in parts of the state. Eleven people have died of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, the state confirmed. [Read More.](#) New York reported 25,587 total statewide deaths of New Yorkers who tested positive for COVID-19, as of Oct. 12. For more numbers, including the latest statewide and borough-by-borough statistics, [click here.](#)
- Travelers to New York from Ohio, Michigan and Virginia are required to quarantine for two weeks upon arrival after the states were added to the quarantine list by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, [the Times Union reports.](#) That list is now up to 38.
- New York's Southern Tier dodged the worst of the coronavirus outbreak through the spring and summer, but fall's start has been far worse. <https://www.pressconnects.com/story/news/local/2020/10/13/new-york-southern-tier-covid-19-outbreak-after-slow-start/5967671002/>.if counties stretching across New York's border with Pennsylvania were states, many would have been added to the state's mandatory quarantine travel list, exceeding 10 average daily positive cases per 100,000 residents over the prior week <https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:aCQMmVI0wf0J:https://www.pr>

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