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To: New York Community Banks

FROM ICBA

SBA issues resources as PPP fully reopens today

The SBA over the weekend issued additional resources on the Paycheck Protection Program, which will fully open to all participating lenders today:

- [How to Calculate Maximum Loan Amounts for First Draw PPP Loans and What Documentation to Provide – By Business Type](#)
- [Procedural Notice - PPP Borrower Resubmissions of Loan Forgiveness Applications Using Form 3508S, Lender Notice Responsibilities to PPP Borrowers, and Offset of Remittances to Lender for Lender Debts](#)
- [Procedural Notice - Paycheck Protection Program Excess Loan Amount Errors](#)
- A reminder to make sure the PPP first-draw loan number is included in the [second-draw PPP loan application](#). PPP lenders should ensure borrowers have easy access to their SBA loan numbers, which have the following format: XXXXXXXX-XX.

Today's reopening applies to both first- and second-draw applications. The SBA previously released instructions for accessing the updated PPP lender portal, new application forms, and additional procedural notices.

These resources and additional information are available here:

- The [SBA](#) and [Treasury](#) PPP pages.
- ICBA's [PPP and EIP News](#) page.
- The recording of ICBA's latest [Community Bank Briefing](#).
- The Independent Bankers Association of Texas's [matrix of PPP updates](#) in the stimulus law.
- [ICBA's summary](#) of the stimulus package's community banking provisions.

ICBA backs Yellen for Treasury secretary

ICBA expressed its support for the anticipated nomination of Janet Yellen for Treasury secretary by President-elect Joe Biden. In a [letter](#) to Senate Finance Committee leaders, ICBA said Yellen has a distinguished career at the highest levels of economic policymaking and a deep understanding of the important role of community banks.

EIP-eligible taxpayers should consider rebate: IRS

Eligible individuals who have not received Economic Impact Payments should carefully review the guidelines for the Recovery Rebate Credit when filing their 2020 tax returns, the IRS said.

In an [announcement](#) that the 2021 tax filing season begins Feb. 12, the IRS noted that stimulus payments are not taxable and do not reduce taxpayer refunds.

ICBA continues updating its [frequently asked questions](#) on the second round of EIPs. Additional information is available on the IRS's [EIP webpage](#) and the [EIP Card page](#).

ICBA urges swift confirmation of Guzman for SBA

ICBA and other groups called on lawmakers to quickly schedule a confirmation hearing for Isabel Guzman, President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to serve as SBA administrator. In a [joint letter](#) to the Senate Small Business Committee, the groups said small businesses are counting on leadership at the SBA to deliver on commitments Congress made in passing the CARES Act and Economic Aid Act.

FROM OTHER SOURCES

- More information from Treasury, which appears to answer some frequently asked question <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Second-Draw-PPP-Loans--How-Calculate-Revenue-Reduction-Maximum-Loan-Amounts-Including-Documentation-Provide1192021.pdf>.
- More than 400,000 people have died of the coronavirus in the U.S., according to an NBC News tally early Tuesday, a milestone that seemed unimaginable at the start of the pandemic a year ago. More than 2 million people have been recorded killed by the virus worldwide, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/u-s-covid-19-death-toll-nears-400-000-n1254575?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTTJabVpqTTRNMIpqTmpreSIsInQiOiJpNkxTb2xTUIQ0ZVo1andFKYtvMXo1Z0pMRIMrVmpXNWZPb2dvczJcL11TUHNMUkhWUGZcL0dISjluMjNRTVE3THlrb1ZhSFI1NUhnelE4OTBTR0VRQWFQMmJLZnJyd3lGK1Fjb2kzY09ORDY4M0hpMmtDTWdwTIVzZk8ydldzcmxTIIn0%3D
- President-Elect Biden will nominate Rohit Chopra to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). He served as the Bureau's student loan ombudsman. Chopra, a Federal Trade Commission commissioner, worked with Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) to establish the CFPB and helped lay the foundation for President Obama's Student Aid Bill of Rights. Biden will also nominate Gary Gensler, former chairman of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, to run the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). ([The Washington Post](#))
- At her confirmation hearing for Treasury Secretary today before the Senate Finance Committee, Janet Yellen will press Congress to "act big" in response to the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic amid low interest rates and despite worries about the growing national debt, as Congress prepares to consider Biden's \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus plan. Yellen will tell that her first mission is to "see Americans through the pandemic," but that in the long term, the United States has to rebuild its economy "so that it creates more prosperity for more people." ([The Wall Street Journal](#))
- Brian Deese, who will serve as Director of President-Elect Biden's National Economic Council, warned the U.S. economy is "spiraling downward" and called for swift action to address vulnerabilities that the global pandemic has drawn into focus. He said Sunday that the incoming administration's \$1.9 trillion spending plan would generate "the kind of robust recovery we need." https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-01-17/economy-spiraling-with-urgent-need-for-action-biden-aide-warns?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTVRFeU5EQX1NelEyTIRZeSIsInQiOiI0RWtadU5QTHIwMEs0YWJKSVRyY1wvNDRqcmNTR3hYMEw0NERrWmI1Z1wvdjRINWRQUmFnd3ZyUERQaTBFaWJvcXZ3S2FISWdheEpvVG5cL2tSUVFtY0ZKMxdySGZqaW1TNjNXS3M1d3hXNIIMVUdIM0dOQTNmGdZVXNOamVCdXgzaCJ9

FROM NEW YORK

- Governor Cuomo [released his annual State of the State policy book](#). The level of detail [in the annual publication](#) is somewhere in between that offered in his oral addresses, delivered earlier this week, and in his budget documents, which are due to be released Tuesday. Today the Governor will deliver his annual Budget Address, amid reports that the state's budget hole [isn't what it used to be](#). The Governor's presentation will be live-streamed tomorrow, Tuesday, January 19, at 11:30am ET, at governor.ny.gov.
- Governor Cuomo updated New Yorkers on the state's progress during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. There were 8,868 patient hospitalizations statewide; 1,523 patients were in the ICU; 997 patients were Intubated; statewide positivity rate was 6.54%, and 153 COVID-19 Deaths in the state yesterday. For a breakout of the data by region: <https://empirereportnewyork.com/governor-cuomo-updates-new-yorkers-on-states-progress-during-covid-19-pandemic-48/>

- Governor Cuomo, fed up with the federal government's frustratingly slow rollout of COVID-19 vaccines, wrote to Pfizer asking if the pharmaceutical giant would cut out the middleman and sell doses directly to New York, [the Daily News reports](#).
- Data shows that COVID-19 cases in the state are on the decline after the holiday surge, but there's a concern that new variants found at home and abroad, if they become more widespread, could usher in a new and dangerous period of surging cases, [the Times Union reports](#).
- A new Siena College poll found that more than one-quarter of New York voters surveyed do not plan to get the COVID-19 vaccine, falling short of immunity goals of at least 75% to 85% public health officials are seeking for the vaccine, [State of Politics reports](#).
- Those under consideration for a presidential pardon include such disparate figures as Sheldon Silver, the disgraced former New York Assembly speaker. New York Republicans have urged the President not to do so. [Read More](#)

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