

Monday, July 19, 2021  
To: New York Community Banks

- **IBANYS received the following from the Small Business Administration Syracuse Office:**

**Subject:** Updated SBA Form 413, Statement of Personal History

Good morning,

**The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is announcing the issuance of SBA Form 413 (7a/504/SBG/ODA/WOSB/8a), Personal Financial Statement.** SBA simplified the collection of information by consolidating four versions of the form into a single document with updated instructions, data fields, certification(s), notices, and regulatory disclosures based on the Program Offices (7a,504,SBG,ODA WOSB, 8a). Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the revised form will serve all 7(a), 504, SBG, ODA, WOSB, and 8(a) Loan Programs. SBA Information Notice 5000-813332 is attached.

The new Form 413 is available by [clicking here](#).

The Form is available for immediate use. However, for applications currently in process, SBA Lenders and Sureties may continue to use the previously approved version. Beginning 60 days after this notice, SBA will only accept the renewed version of the Form.

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#### **FROM ICBA**

##### **FHFA eliminates ICBA-opposed GSE fee**

ICBA [welcomed](#) the Federal Housing Finance Agency's [announcement](#) that it will eliminate an ICBA-opposed fee on refinance loans delivered to the government-sponsored enterprises.

**Announcement:** Effective for loans delivered on Aug. 1 or later, lenders will no longer be required to pay Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac the 50-basis-point Adverse Market Refinance Fee, which was introduced last year to ICBA opposition.

**Background:** After introducing the fee to cover projected losses at the GSEs caused by pandemic-related renter and borrower protections, the FHFA [delayed](#) the fee to December 2020 and exempted smaller loans following an ICBA grassroots and media campaign, including an [American Banker op-ed](#).

**More:** In its announcement Friday, the FHFA said the success of the GSEs' COVID-19 policies reduced the impact of the pandemic enough to warrant an early end of the fee.

**[READ MORE](#)**

##### **SBA offers guidance on PPP purchase process, servicing duties**

SBA issued a [new Procedural Notice](#) to advise Paycheck Protection Program lenders of their servicing responsibilities and the purchase process to ensure a 100 percent guaranty on PPP loans.

**Guaranty:** Effective July 15, the existing PPP platform will:

- Be programmed to allow lenders to submit requests for guaranty purchase and charge-off for individual PPP loans.
- Make available Application Programming Interfaces using an automated method.

- Provide additional guidance, including step-by-step instructions.

**Servicing:** Regarding servicing responsibilities, the notice says lenders:

- Must service PPP loans until they are fully forgiven, are paid in full, or the SBA purchases the guaranty and charges off any uncollectable remaining balance.
- Should work with the borrower to seek forgiveness at the end of the borrower's loan forgiveness covered period or to request guaranty purchase and charge-off in the event of a default.
- Must meet additional responsibilities, such as keeping an accurate record of each loan and submitting monthly SBA Form 1502 reports

**More:** The Procedural Notice provides additional guidance on borrowers who file for bankruptcy, requesting guaranty purchase and charge-off, required certifications, and more.

### House public banking hearing this week

A House Financial Services subcommittee hearing on public banking proposals, including postal banking, leads a busy week of congressional hearings.

**Hearing:** Wednesday's Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions [hearing](#) focuses on exploring private and public efforts to expand access to the financial system.

**Issue Brief:** Ahead of the hearing, ICBA last week delivered to Congress its [second issue brief](#) on postal banking in a three-part series, noting that USPS lacks the expertise to succeed in the complex world of consumer banking.

**ICBA Position:** ICBA opposes the formation of new public retail financial service providers, whether they are owned by states, municipalities, or the U.S. Postal Service.

**Other Hearings:** Additional noteworthy committee hearings this week include:

- Tuesday: House Financial Services Committee, HUD oversight and equitable housing.
- Tuesday: Senate Banking Committee, climate change and reinsurance.
- Tuesday: Senate Banking Committee, federally assisted housing.
- Wednesday: House Financial Services subcommittee, bond rating agencies.

### FDIC minority bank subcommittee meeting Wednesday

The FDIC Advisory Committee on Community Banking's Minority Depository Institutions Subcommittee [is scheduled](#) to meet at 1 p.m. (Eastern time) this Wednesday. Subcommittee members will share insights into key challenges and opportunities facing their communities and financial institutions, including reaching unbanked consumers.

### Consumer sentiment ebbs on pace of recovery

- **Consumer Sentiment:** Declined 5.5 percent in early July on less favorable prospects for the national economy, [according to](#) the University of Michigan.
- **Retail Sales:** Increased 0.6 percent in June and were up 18 percent from a year ago, the Commerce Department [reported](#).
- **Business Inventories:** Rose 0.5 percent in May and were up 4.5 percent from last year, [according to](#) Commerce.

### FROM OTHER SOURCES

Coronavirus cases, hospitalizations and deaths are back on the rise in the U.S. as the highly transmissible Delta variant spreads across the country, Axios' Sam Baker [writes](#). This is happening almost exclusively to people who aren't vaccinated, and it's worse in places where overall vaccination rates are low.

- The U.S. is now averaging about 26,000 new cases per day — up 70% from the previous week, the CDC says. Hospitalizations are up 36%, and deaths are up 26%, to an average of 211 per day.
- Two-thirds of eligible Americans have gotten at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and about 57% are fully vaccinated.
- Over 97% of the people currently hospitalized for severe COVID-19 infections were unvaccinated, according to the CDC.
- A handful of states with low vaccination rates — Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Missouri and Nevada — are driving a plurality of new cases. One in five new infections comes from Florida alone, per the CDC.
- The good news: The vaccines work, even against the Delta variant. [Share this story](#).

- Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated Americans, the groups most vulnerable to Covid, are the least concerned about the more contagious Delta variant, [according to a CBS News poll](#). While 48% of "not fully/not vaccinated" respondents in the poll released Sunday said they were concerned about the Delta variant, 72% of fully vaccinated Americans are worried. <https://www.politico.com/news/2021/07/18/poll-unvaccinated-least-concerned-delta-variant-500009>
- U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy said Sunday he supports individual counties reinstating mask mandates to combat local surges of the coronavirus among unvaccinated people - like Los Angeles County did last week - as the pathogen's highly contagious delta variant drives a spike in infections and the Biden administration seeks to project a sense of cautious optimism about the country's return to normalcy. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/07/18/vivek-murthy-covid-vaccines/?mkt\\_tok=ODUwLVRBOS01MTEAAAF-XbYoMxi3INIPYFdQ04Z0gJBhxJlpz1Ytdva0w1VrEwaep5fFpLSX1DOPinJGEU4VL73VGWgl47Agp5MSwqkgzi2BTJc9i7THa4t7tfTD8gZZ](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/07/18/vivek-murthy-covid-vaccines/?mkt_tok=ODUwLVRBOS01MTEAAAF-XbYoMxi3INIPYFdQ04Z0gJBhxJlpz1Ytdva0w1VrEwaep5fFpLSX1DOPinJGEU4VL73VGWgl47Agp5MSwqkgzi2BTJc9i7THa4t7tfTD8gZZ)
- Mayor Bill de Blasio said, "New York City does not plan on bringing back a mask requirement amid rising coronavirus cases and the emergence of the more-contagious Delta variant." The mayor said the City does not currently have plans to follow other major cities, like Los Angeles, in bringing back a mask mandate to combat the spread of coronavirus despite a doubling in the cases in the last month. <https://patch.com/new-york/new-york-city/no-plan-bring-back-mask-mandate-despite-delta-variant-mayor>
- One by one, pandemic relief programs that financially supported millions of Americans are going away. With legislative packages worth trillions of dollars, the federal government wove a temporary safety net that provided help for people dealing with lockdowns, job losses and worse [https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/18/your-money/coronavirus-relief-expiration.html?mkt\\_tok=ODUwLVRBOS01MTEAAAF-XaY2fx0-KlzdRDVBXfa-GCf9HiADh8yYGIg-KLYYr6lKmfhBhpqBoeJlakGS89PkZXr3tX\\_s5JMoriePJ-TQT83eRk\\_Jc076yrqaY5tuzp1-](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/18/your-money/coronavirus-relief-expiration.html?mkt_tok=ODUwLVRBOS01MTEAAAF-XaY2fx0-KlzdRDVBXfa-GCf9HiADh8yYGIg-KLYYr6lKmfhBhpqBoeJlakGS89PkZXr3tX_s5JMoriePJ-TQT83eRk_Jc076yrqaY5tuzp1-)
- The number of Americans filing applications for jobless benefits continues to decline to the lowest levels since the economy shut down last year, though claims are still elevated compared with pre-pandemic levels. As many return to work, the amount of federal Covid-era benefits that unemployed people are receiving has splintered from one state to the next. [https://www.wsj.com/articles/covid-jobless-benefits-ended-early-11626454395?mkt\\_tok=ODUwLVRBOS01MTEAAAF-XaY2f3loQDJhxsymcR4HgtlYFmY6tKbYHJosE\\_eTn4HYh0MAA2UI-LeXgGKYVrAlUVpYmbkN4fNCYVhukW0EirvF4ejklYUGfyHPZ4QBUc](https://www.wsj.com/articles/covid-jobless-benefits-ended-early-11626454395?mkt_tok=ODUwLVRBOS01MTEAAAF-XaY2f3loQDJhxsymcR4HgtlYFmY6tKbYHJosE_eTn4HYh0MAA2UI-LeXgGKYVrAlUVpYmbkN4fNCYVhukW0EirvF4ejklYUGfyHPZ4QBUc)
- The FHA is dropping a 0.5% fee on mortgage refinancing beginning Aug. 1, which had added about \$1,400 to the cost of refinancing an average mortgage backed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, according to Mortgage Bankers Association estimates. FHFA Acting Director Thompson said eliminating the fee -- imposed in December by then-Director Mark Calabria as part of a bid to raise money to return Fannie and Freddie to private control -- will "help families take advantage of the low-rate environment to save more money." [The Wall Street Journal](#)

## FROM NEW YORK

As the delta variant of COVID-19 spreads, some New Yorkers are continuing to hold out on getting the vaccine, report our NY1 colleagues:

- Despite the rise in cases linked to the delta variant, 53% of all NYC residents are fully vaccinated. In certain neighborhoods the rates are far lower than the city average, with many New Yorkers holding off from the shot.

- Daily cases have been on a steady rise in the city since July 5, a first since infection rates began dropping months ago. Health officials say low vaccination rates and the delta variant are to blame.
- "This is a pandemic of the unvaccinated," said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky. She reiterated Friday the importance of getting fully vaccinated to be protected from severe COVID and the circulating delta variant. [Read more.](#)
- New York City Council Member Mark Levine, chair of the Health Committee, said that masks should be required again indoors in the city even for the fully vaccinated, given the alarming recent rise in COVID-19 cases, [the New York Post reports.](#)
- More than nine months into the campaign to inoculate medical workers and all New Yorkers against COVID-19, nearly a third of staffers at New York City hospitals are still unvaccinated, [the Post reports.](#)
- Governor Cuomo, facing allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct, has wanted to tell his side of the story. On Saturday, he was expected to get a chance to do so and meet with investigators, although no confirmation was given by representatives for Cuomo or the attorney general's office. [Read More](#); The Governor [spent nearly 13 hours](#) in Manhattan Saturday as he was slated to be grilled in the probe, before departing by helicopter.
- [Reopening the Canadian border](#) could provide a late boon for the tourism industry in upstate New York.
- [Since the legalization of recreational marijuana](#) in New York state, some local governments are choosing to opt out of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act.

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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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