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The Hallandale Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Encourages Local Businesses to Complete the Emergency Business Damage Assessment Survey for Coronavirus (COVID-19) to Ensure Financial Resources are Accessed

The Business Damage Assessment Survey can be taken online at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>

Hallandale Beach, FL – March 13, 2020 - The Hallandale Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (HBCRA) is encouraging local business owners to complete the Emergency Business Damage Assessment Survey for Coronavirus (COVID-19) to ensure financial resources are accessed. Today, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local business operations. The survey, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin.

The Business Damage Assessment Survey can be taken online at <https://floridadisaster.biz/>. Results from this survey will be shared with state agencies and local partners. Surveys submitted by small businesses can be used to access the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan, made available for COVID-19 through the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. For inquiries or assistance with the survey, businesses can contact Emergency Support Function 18 at ESF18@em.myflorida.com.

Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 20-52](#) declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19 and directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a Level II, to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19. Last week, the governor issued [Executive Order 20-51](#) directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.

For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 in Florida, please visit the Florida Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the state's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling (866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours per day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

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ABOUT THE HALLANDALE BEACH CRA

The mission of the Hallandale Beach CRA is to promote economic development and enhance quality of life by eliminating and preventing blighted conditions through the facilitation of community partnerships, business growth, job creation, and neighborhood rehabilitation.