



# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Here For Shelby County

During this time of social isolation, our team at 58 INC. recognizes that our business and economic climate is changing, and we cannot foretell what that may look like until we come out of this urgent response period. While we are all focused on “flattening the curve”, some of you are perhaps focused on how to keep business moving forward. We hope that you know that we are here to help.

58 INC. is working with our collaborative partners at The Shelby County Chamber to deploy new resources each and every day. Our focus is ensuring that our businesses have what they need to not only stay open, but to prepare for what comes next. As we take in inquiries, we are building content out of our expertise and research that can be found on our online social media platforms. You’ll find articles on LinkedIn and notes on Facebook that will be continuously updated and improved.

### Stay Updated By Following Us On Social Media



Our team is working hard to stay in constant communication with a variety of partners. We have standing weekly conference calls with partners at every level to ensure that we are all sharing ideas and partnering to maximize resources. This uncharted territory will require this level of communication and innovation, and we are thankful for our incredible businesses and partners.



[Click Here To Take The Survey](#)

### Gathering Vital Information

As the impact of this crisis continues to unfold, we're working with our partners at the Birmingham Business Alliance, the Birmingham Regional Economic Development Alliance and Central Six, in partnership with our local and state government partners, to gather vital information on how our business community is being impacted.

All businesses in the seven-county Birmingham region (Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair, Walker, Chilton, Blount, and Bibb) are encouraged to take five minutes to complete this brief assessment to help us develop and advocate for the most relevant solutions that will keep our region thriving during these uncertain times.

## Workforce & Employment Resources

Need Information  
Concerning Unemployment?  
Visit the [Alabama Department of Labor Frequently Asked Questions Resource Page](#)



The Alabama Department of Labor has temporarily ordered that relief be offered to employers whose employees must file unemployment

compensation claims for weeks filed due to COVID-19 related issues. All charges will be waived against those employers who file partial unemployment compensation claims on behalf of their employees. These charges will be waived until further notice. ADOL is encouraging all employers who can file on their employees' behalf to do so.

### Are You Hiring?

There are many agencies throughout the Birmingham region that are working together to provide guidance and resources to those individuals that may wish to explore a new job or career path during this uncertain time. 58 Inc. is partnering with the Alabama Career Center System, Birmingham Business Alliance and CentralSix AlabamaWorks! to transition unemployed individuals to new jobs or training programs if and when feasible. You may visit <https://joblink.alabama.gov/ada/r/employer> and enter job information or simply contact the Alabaster Career Center to learn more. While their office is closed to the public, they are at work taking your calls and emails and can be reached at 205-663-2542 or [alabaster@alcc.alabama.gov](mailto:alabaster@alcc.alabama.gov).

### Utilize Downtime to Increase Skills

While Jefferson State Community College is accommodating current students through distance learning, there are also opportunities for individuals that have been laid off as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to upgrade skills. If you, your employees or someone you know wish to take advantage of acquiring high school diploma or GED, obtain the National Career Readiness Certificate through ACT, or upgrade financial literacy, reading, math or ESL skills, Jefferson State Community College is available to offer such courses remotely AT NO COST! Here a few links you may wish to explore.

- <https://www.jeffersonstate.edu/rtw/>
- <https://workkeyscurriculum.act.org/>
- <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>
- <https://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/index.html>
- <https://ketfastforward.org/>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://hippocampus.org/>
- <https://www.burlingtonenglish.com/>

Not sure what to do or where to begin? Reach out to Jeff State and they can help you enroll in these FREE classes and guide you along the way. For more information, email [admerritt@jeffersonstate.edu](mailto:admerritt@jeffersonstate.edu) or [tbouyer@jeffersonstate.edu](mailto:tbouyer@jeffersonstate.edu).

## Small Business & Entrepreneurial Resources



Our team has put together a few notes on some common issues that have arisen during this time. You can find those here:

- [Managing The Cash Flow Crunch](#)
- [COVID-19 Employment Resources](#)
- [Navigating Remote Work](#)

## Community Resources

Our partners are hard at work ensuring that our businesses stay well-informed. You can find their COVID-19 Resource Pages here:



- [Shelby County COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [The Shelby County Chamber COVID-19 Business Toolkit](#)
- [Birmingham Business Alliance COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [Alabama Small Business Development Center \(ASBDC\)](#)
- [City of Hoover COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [City of Pelham COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [City of Chelsea COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [City of Alabaster COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [City of Montevallo COVID-19 Resource Page](#)