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Workforce Development Board

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WDB institutes alternative service delivery in response to COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) is instituting proactive measures to protect the health and safety of its employees, job seekers, and the businesses it serves.

Effective immediately, the WDB is implementing across-the-board alternative service delivery to minimize the risk of a COVID-19 spread. While all workforce and business services units will remain fully operational, facilities and lobbies will be closed to the public until at least April 3, 2020

Job seekers, businesses, and members of the public seeking assistance can do so by visiting the WDB [website](#), or by email or phone. In certain cases, in-person services may be available on an appointment-only basis.

Other measures that have been implemented include social distancing, streamed workshops and training, sanitizing all offices and workspaces and suspension of any non-essential travel. Updates will be posted to the WDB website as additional information becomes available.

“These steps are designed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus while also minimizing the impact on service delivery during these difficult times,” said Phil Cothran, Chairman of the WDB. “The programs and assistance we provide through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), our three America’s Job Centers of California (AJCCs) and our Business Services department are critically important as we work through the economic damage caused by the pandemic.”

WDB will continue to closely monitor information and developments regarding the pandemic and follow the direction of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, the county Department of Public Health and the county Chief Executive Office to ensure the safety and well-being of employees and the community.



About the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board

The San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. The WDB strives to strengthen the skills of the County's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is committed to providing county resources, which generate jobs and investment in line with the [Countywide Vision](#).

The Workforce Development Board, through the San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, offers a variety of programs designed to help youth and adults identify career pathways and get the appropriate training and skills. Programs funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provide eligible youth, ages 16 to 24, access to a variety of career and educational services designed to help enhance job skills, develop leadership qualities, explore career options, participate in adult and peer mentoring opportunities, and take advantage of work experiences. In addition, the WDB operates San Bernardino County's three America's Job Centers of California (AJCC). The AJCCs provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life. The AJCCs also support and provide services to the County's businesses, including employee recruitment and business retention programs.

Employers and job seekers who are interested in the Workforce Development Board programs may call: (800) 451-JOBS or visit www.sbcounty.gov/workforce. Also follow us on: Facebook www.facebook.com/SBCountyWDB; Twitter @InlandEmpireJob; LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sanbernardinocountywdb>; and YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/SBCountyWIB>.