

Executive Order: Paid Sick Leave for Food Sector Workers

On April 16, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-51-20 to extend two weeks of paid sick leave for food sector workers. Workers in the food sector include farmworkers, agricultural workers, and those working in grocery stores and fast food chains, and as delivery drivers. Additionally, the Executive Order provides health and safety standards by permitting workers at food facilities to wash their hands every 30 minutes, or as needed, to increase proper sanitation measures. The text of the order can be located [here](#).

Congress Authorizes More Emergency Funding for Small Businesses

On April 22, 2020, Congress passed a bill authorizing additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”), economic injury disaster loans, and emergency grants under the CARES Act. The bill includes \$310 billion for replenishing the PPP, of which \$60 billion is reserved for smaller banks, community lenders, and credit unions, as well as \$60 billion for emergency loans and grants. President Trump is expected to sign the bill promptly. Small businesses unable to obtain relief through the CARES Act’s initial offerings should consider applying for relief under the new bill.

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