Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – March 28, 2020
And other information for restaurant owners and employees

On March 27, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, i.e., The CARES Act, by a voice vote without any changes to the version of the bill passed by the Senate. President Trump quickly signed the $2.2 trillion economic stimulus and relief package into law.

The U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship provides helpful information in its excellent Small Business Owner's Guide to the CARES Act.

The National Restaurant Association Public Affairs Team is hosting a webinar Tuesday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. CDT. Together with Small Business Administration (SBA), hosts discuss what resources are available to the restaurant industry to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Register here.

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation has created a Restaurant Employee Relief Fund to support U.S. restaurant employees who have been financially impacted by the coronavirus crisis.

Beginning April 2, restaurant employees can apply online to receive a one-time, $500 check to use towards housing, transportation, utilities, childcare, groceries, medical bills, and/or student loans. The Foundation will administer the grants, offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For 30 years, ServSafe has been at the forefront of preparing restaurant and foodservice workers to deliver safe dining experiences. With the challenges presented by COVID-19, ServSafe is offering free food safety education to keep our workers and the dining public safe.
On March 27, NRA hosted a webinar that provided an overview of the CARES Act passed earlier that day. The webinar is now available on-demand. Simply click here and then select “register here” at the bottom of the page, the webinar should load and play. It provides a good explanation of the SBA loan provisions contained in the Act.

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