



Dear HAWDC Member,

In our efforts to provide members with continuous updates regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, HAWDC would like to inform you that we continue to work with the Mayor, Council, and District CFO on seeking relief measures for member hotels. We urge you to continue to communicate your legislative and regulatory needs to HAWDC. We are currently working with the Council Chairman on emergency legislation to include measures on tax deferrals and regulatory relief.

We have also been working with the Department of Employment Services and organized labor to ensure that District resources are in place for what will be a surge on demand for unemployment benefits due to COVID-19 and the subsequent economic impact on hotels.

HAWDC will be meeting with the District CFO again early next week to discuss more nuanced methods of relief that may prove beneficial to members in these unprecedented times. Please continue to contact us should you have any questions. As always, we are here to serve our members and feel free to contact us anytime.

As the impacts of COVID-19 become clearer and we meet with decision makers in the District, it is important that we have the most up to date data that reflects the economic impact of COVID-19 on your bottom line, labor force, and operations.

The data collected from this five (5) question survey below will be shared in the aggregate and if an individual instance is highlighted, it will be done so anonymously.

To complete the survey, please click [here](#).

District of Columbia Closures

Mayor Muriel Bowser will adjust the District of Columbia Government's operating status beginning Monday, March 16, through Tuesday, March 31, to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Starting Monday, March 16, through

Tuesday, March 31, the District of Columbia Government will operate under an agency-specific telework schedule, with the intent to continue to deliver essential services and to keep critical systems and services operating. Some government operations will be performed fully remotely, while other services will continue to be performed at public buildings, but under modified operations.

Additionally, the following events have either been cancelled or will be postponed for a later date to be determined:

- The National Cherry Blossom Parade and Petalpalooza;
- The Japan America Society's Sakura Matsuri – Japanese Street Festival;
- The Anacostia River Festival;
- Concerts and events held at the Kennedy Center, the Anthem, the 9:30 Club, the Lincoln Theater and U Street Music Hall;
- The Rock 'n' Roll Marathon;
- The St. Patrick's Day Parade;
- District of Columbia Public Schools (for students who need them, meals will be provided at pre-determined locations);
- District Public Libraries;

Regards,

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