

NEWS FROM THE BABYLON IDA

PPE Reimbursement / PPE Stopgap

The Babylon IDA has made available \$175,000, to be put towards reimbursing local small businesses who have laid out funds for personal protective equipment for their employees and business. Babylon understands that common sense hygiene and PPE use will play a central role in ensuring our successful and safe economic resurgence. In addition, \$25,000 has been made available to purchase and distribute PPE to local small businesses who are experiencing supply chain issues, to act as a stopgap measure, and allow them to operate safely until they can acquire the proper supplies. Businesses can apply for either of these programs with the consolidated application found [here](#).

What We've Done

Babylon is Back Loan Program

Through the New York Forward Loan Fund, the Babylon IDA, in partnership with the Town and Villages, has made available \$2.5 million worth of loans for small businesses throughout the Town of Babylon. These loans provide working capital to businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic who were unable to take advantage of the PPP program. Babylon businesses are encouraged to apply to the program [here](#), and to choose the National Development Council as their CDFI if applicable. You can learn more about the IDA's investment in Babylon's small businesses [here](#).

Outdoor Dining

Phase II of the region's COVID-19 recovery plan allowed businesses to open for outdoor dining. The Town of Babylon - in partnership with the Babylon IDA and the Town's local village mayors- have streamlined the permitting process for outdoor dining by cutting red tape to get permits in the hands of qualified businesses owners in record time. The application is clear, quick, easy, and free. Restaurants can apply for outdoor dining [here](#).

Free Face Shield Distribution to Barber Shops and Hair Salons

Thanks to a generous donation of 1,000 face shields from L3 Harris, a North Amityville manufacturer, The Town of Babylon, along with the Babylon IDA, was able to supply local Hair Salons and Barber Shops with much needed PPE free of charge. This generous donation of a crucial product poised businesses to be able to reopen safely as soon as the region entered Phase II. The Babylon IDA is actively working to get these shields in the hands of local businesses. Babylon Hair Salons and Barber Shops can sign up to receive their face shields [here](#).

Resources

Guidance on Re-opening Local Business

- [Informational Video](#)
- [Recommendations for Reopening](#)
- [Safety Measures for Reopening](#)
- [The Phases of Reopening](#)

Programs to help with Reopening

- [Babylon IDA Mentor Program](#)- fill out this form to be connected with someone to guide you through reopening.
- [Town of Babylon Commercial Cleaning Options](#)
- [Stony Brook College of Business Survival Guide](#)- click this link to connect with Stony Brook faculty and students to gain resources on a successful reopening.
- Farmingdale Small Business Development Center- contact sbdc@farmingdale.edu for free technical assistance on reopening a business
 - Click [here](#) for an online forum with local officials and Erica Chase, director of SBDC