

August 2021



Our Mid-Month Update...some things can't wait!

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ADA & CASp Accessibility Resources



KNOWLEDGE IS EMPOWERING

Educating Yourself about ADA Accessibility

Every kind of business is vulnerable to ADA Lawsuits. No business that offers goods or services to the public, is immune. Therefore business owners, property owners, property managers, franchisees, franchisors, lessees, lessors & of course, the professionals that one relies on for advice, support or representation, need to be informed about accessibility for the disabled & the ADA.



SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday September 15, 3pm-4pm for a Virtual **SSF Chamber Town Hall**. Hear from **Steve Schraibman AIA, CPE, CASp**. Steve believes that every kind of business is vulnerable to ADA Lawsuits. No business that offers goods or services to the public, is immune and needs to be informed about accessibility for the disabled & the ADA.

[Visit his Website & Learn More!](#)

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR BUSINESS LICENSES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS:

Under federal and state law, compliance with disability access laws is a serious and significant responsibility that applies to all California building owners and tenants with buildings open to the public. You may obtain information about your legal obligations and how to comply with disability access laws at the following agencies:

DEPARTMENT OF
GENERA SERVICES,
Division of the State
Architect, CASp Program

www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa

www.dgs.ca.gov/casp

DEPARTMENT OF
REHABILITATION
Disability Access Services

www.dor.ca.gov

www.rehab.cahwnet.gov/

[disabilityaccessinfo](#)

DEPARTMENT OF
GENERA SERVICES,
California Commission on
Disability Access

www.cdda.ca.gov

www.cdda.ca.gov/resources-menu/

CERTIFIED ACCESS SPECIALIST INSPECTION SERVICES

Compliance with state and federal construction-related accessibility standards ensures that public places are accessible and available to individuals with disabilities. Whether your business is moving into a newly constructed facility or you are planning an alteration to your current facility, by engaging the services of a Certified Access Specialist (CASp) early in this process you will benefit from the advantages of compliance and under the Construction-Related Accessibility Standards Compliance Act (CRASCA, Civil Code 55.51-55.545), also benefit from legal protections.

Although your new facility may have already been permitted and approved by the building department, it is important to obtain CASp inspection services after your move-in because unintended access barriers and violations can be created, for example, placing your furniture and equipment in areas required to be maintained clear of obstructions. For planned alterations, a CASp can provide plan review of your improvement plans and an access compliance evaluation of the public accommodation areas of your facility that may not be part of the alteration.

A CASp is a professional who has been certified by the State of California to have specialized knowledge regarding the applicability of accessibility standards. CASp inspection reports prepared according to CRASCA entitle business and facility owners to specific legal benefits, in the event that a construction-related accessibility claim is filed against them.

To find a CASp, visit www.apps2.dgs.ca.gov/DSA/casp/casp_certified_list.aspx.

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DISABILITY ACCESS REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES

GOVERNMENT TAX CREDITS, TAX DEDUCTIONS AND FINANCING

State and federal programs to assist businesses with access compliance and access expenditures are available:

Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses

FEDERAL TAX CREDIT—Internal Revenue Code Section 44 provides a federal tax credit for small businesses that incur expenditures for the purpose of providing access to persons with disabilities. For more information, refer to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 8826: Disabled Access Credit at www.irs.gov.

STATE TAX CREDIT—Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 17053.42 and 23642 provide a state tax credit similar to the federal Disabled Access Credit, with exceptions. For more information, refer to Franchise Tax Board (FTB) Form 3548: Disabled Access Credit for Eligible Small Businesses at www.ftb.ca.gov.

Architectural and Transportation Barrier Removal Deduction

FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTION—Internal Revenue Code Section 190 allows businesses of all sizes to claim an annual deduction for qualified expenses incurred to remove physical, structural and transportation barriers for persons with disabilities. For more information, refer to IRS Publication 535: Business Expenses at www.irs.gov.

California Capital Access Financing Program

STATE FINANCE OPTION—The California Capital Access Program (CalCAP) Americans with Disabilities Act (CalCAP/ADA) financing program assists small businesses with financing the costs to alter or retrofit existing small business facilities to comply with the requirements of the federal ADA. Learn more at www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfa/calcap/.

FEDERAL AND STATE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS ON ACCESSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (ADA)—The ADA is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities, and requires all public accommodations and commercial facilities to be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Learn more at www.ada.gov.

CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (CBC)—The CBC contains the construction-related accessibility provisions that are the standards for compliant construction. A facility's compliance is based on the version of the CBC in place at the time of construction or alteration. Learn more at www.bsc.ca.gov.



**Everyone must wear a face covering inside, according to the
County of San Mateo's local health order.**
(Effective Aug. 3, 2021)

Covering your face helps prevent the spread of COVID-19.

根据圣马特奥县的卫生令，每个人在室内必须戴口罩。
(2021年8月3日生效)

戴口罩会避免新冠病毒传播。

**Todos deben usar la mascarilla en espacios cerrados, de acuerdo
con la Orden de Salud del Condado de San Mateo.**
(Efectivo Agosto 3, 2021)

Cubriendo su cara ayuda a prevenir la propagación del COVID-19.



**COUNTY OF
SAN MATEO**

www.smcgov.org



**SAN MATEO
COUNTY HEALTH**

**In accordance with the recent health order announcement, the
County of San Mateo has released their latest face covering signage
for businesses to display.**

Additionally, the County "...has developed additional materials to educate residents about COVID-19 and the steps to keep our community safe.

These images and documents are free for your use."

- Featured materials include flyers, graphics, and postcards on: Vaccination, Face Coverings, Hand Washing, Testing and more!

To download the County of San Mateo's latest sign, please click here.
(Click to view the County's additional COVID-19 materials)

Member News & Announcements



SAN MATEO COUNTY STRONG



SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM



Thursday, August 12 | 1:00PM - 2:00PM | VIA ZOOM

Please join us on Thursday, August 12th for a briefing of the upcoming *SMC Strong - Small Business Assistance Grant Program*. We will discuss the program, how you can engage and spread awareness to the businesses in your community.

This program provides a fresh round of funding for local, small businesses impacted by the pandemic and *did not* receive prior County, state or federal relief.

REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3CL9M03](https://bit.ly/3CL9M03)

Zoom information will be sent to registered attendees

PRESENTED BY:



For questions, please email Larisa Ocañada at locanada@samceda.org

www.smcstrong.org

MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATION (MEHKO)

A permitted mini restaurant that operates in a residential kitchen.

OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO:

Be a **RESIDENT OF THE HOME** and responsible for the operation



Limit operation to **30 MEALS PER DAY, AND 60 MEALS PER WEEK** with a \$50,000 annual sales cap



DELIVER FOOD to the consumer directly

Get **INTERNET FOOD SERVICE INTERMEDIARIES** approved by CA Department of Public Health



Prepare, cook, and serve all food on the **SAME DAY**



Pass an approved accredited **FOOD SAFETY EXAM**

Have any person involved with the operation obtain a **FOOD HANDLER PERMIT** from an approved provider

MEHKO APPLICATION STEPS:

- 1 CONTACT** Environmental Health Services at (650) 372-6200, or visit smchealth.org/microkitchen.
- 2 SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**
 - * Application form
 - * Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) form
 - * Applicable fee (Fees for this Program are waived until 2023.)Environmental Health Services will contact you within 5 business days.
- 3** Upon approval of documents and an in-home inspection by the County, a **MEHKO IS APPROVED TO OPERATE.**

OPERATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO:



EMPLOY MORE THAN ONE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

Produce, serve, or use raw milk, serve raw oysters or any food that would require a **HAZARDOUS CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINTS (HACCP)**

RESELL FOOD to other food facilities



DISPLAY ANY SIGNAGE or other outdoor advertising

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT SMCHEALTH.ORG/MICROKITCHEN



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Environmental Health Services | Food Program
2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Suite #100, San Mateo, CA 94403
Phone:(650) 372-6200 | smchealth.org/food

AUGUST 2021 BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER CALENDAR



WE SERVE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND ASPIRING ENTREPRENEURS ACROSS THE UPPER PENINSULA. START AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS WITH RENAISSANCE!



DIGITAL MARKETING: SEO
AUGUST 3, 6:30-8PM



POP-UP ACCELERATOR (4 WEEKS)
AUG 18, AUG 25, SEPT 1, SEPT 15, 6-9PM



MANAGING A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH
AUG 17, 6-8 PM



ECOMMERCE: SHOPIFY
AUG 24, 6:30-8PM



HR: HIRING AND DEVELOPING YOUR TEAM
AUG 26, 4-6PM



BRANDING: TELLING YOUR BUSINESS STORY
AUG 31, 6-8PM

\$ FREE!

📍 ONLINE

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT: [HTTP://WWW.RENCENTER.ORG/CALENDAR](http://www.rencenter.org/calendar)



CALIFORNIA SENATE DISTRICT 13

The district encompasses the San Francisco Peninsula and the northwestern reaches of Silicon Valley. It forms the main corridor between the state's third and fourth largest and the San Francisco Bay Area's two largest cities: San Jose in the south and San Francisco in the north.

San Mateo County @ 82.5%:

Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco (72.6%), Woodside

Santa Clara County @ 18.8%:

Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale

CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR JOSH BECKER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

10:30AM—12:30PM

CARLMONT HIGH SCHOOL

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Please join Senator Becker as he updates the community on his first legislative year in Sacramento. Belmont's Mayor Charles Stone will introduce Senator Becker to the audience who will be seated on a first come basis.

This is a complimentary event brought to you by the Belmont Chamber of Commerce.

PANDEMIC HANGOVER

Taking a moment to sit back and become conscious of the emotional toll that our bodies and minds have been experiencing during the last months, it is imperative to be more compassionate, not only with our community but with ourselves... My aim is to talk about the potential difficulties of living during a pandemic.

Daniela Jonguitud
Founder and CEO
Chajinel home care services



VIRTUAL EVENT

Guest Speaker Daniela Jonguitud - SSF CHAMBER Director

Tuesday August 31st 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

FREE FOR SSF CHAMBER MEMBERS & \$15.00 NON MEMBERS

RSVP: www.ssfchamber.com/events.aspx



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Chairman's Circle members receive benefits above and beyond typical membership, with the highest visibility at Chamber events and in publications

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