



May 6, 2020

DEALERSHIP INFORMATIONAL ADVISORY **COVID-19 UPDATE #22**

READY FOR BUSINESS GRANT REMINDER

In case you have not applied for a Ready for Business Grant, May 6 is the last day.

As a reminder, this grant program is designed to assist companies in protecting their employees and visitors while establishing customer confidence by providing grants from \$1,000 to \$100,000 based on your number of employees.

The grant website will reopen **Wednesday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Interested dealers can get specific information on the program and [APPLY HERE](#).

GOVERNOR EXTENDS EXECUTIVE ORDER BY 45-DAYS

Governor Hutchinson announced that he is extending his original Executive Order by 45-days. To review the complete text of Executive Order 20-25, [CLICK HERE](#). The original order was set to expire on May 21, 2020, and the new order takes into account all the announced business and large group re-openings as well as prepares for announcements on other activities in the coming weeks.

For dealers, we would recommend you continue to take all measures to comply with the Arkansas Department of Health recommendations for safely operating your dealership - [CLICK HERE](#). AADA is also recommending dealers continue to utilize NADA's guide, *A Dealer Guide to Safely Operating Your Dealership During a Pandemic*, ([CLICK HERE](#)) to demonstrate how dealerships can and will operate safely for both consumers and employees.

This safe operation will assist in continuing to ensure the Governor's plan for re-opening the state will move forward.

SBA GUIDANCE ON EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE TO RETURN TO WORK

The SBA issued [PPP Guidance on Laid-Off Employees Who Refuse to Be Rehired](#). Businesses that received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans can exclude laid-off employees from loan forgiveness reduction calculations if the employees turn down a written offer to be rehired, according to the new guidance, which also warned that employees who reject offers of reemployment may find themselves ineligible to continue receiving unemployment benefits.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) for the new SBA guidance that was updated on 5-3-20. The specific information related to laid-off employees refusing to come back to work is addressed in question 40.

NADA revised its CARES Act FAQ's on 5-4-20, [CLICK HERE](#). Coincidentally the guidance related to this issue is also included in question number 40.

ADDITIONAL AND HELPFUL LINKS

For additional information related to maintaining your dealership as safe, we would recommend monitoring updates from the CDC, [link](#), and OSHA, [link](#).

Please go to our website for links to information your dealership needs at [AADA coronavirus update](#).

AADA will work to keep you updated on this situation, but a firm commitment to maintaining a safe and clean work environment for your employees and customers will help you navigate this health crisis.

If you have any questions about this bulletin please don't hesitate to call, 501-372-2596, or email Greg Kirkpatrick greg@arkautodealers.com.