

Hello -

I own & operate a small business in Portland, a dedicated gluten-free bakery. 70% of my business is wholesaling to 75 accounts in Portland/Vancouver area. These accounts are mostly cafes, with some hospitals and local grocery stores which accounts for 30% of that business. With the COVID-19, all cafes have cancelled orders which in effect reduce my production by 40%. 30% of my business is retail customers & that has dropped off significantly to about 20% sales. I am currently laying off 40% of my staff and hope to hold on to them with the limited business I have. However, I don't know how long this will last, as many hospital accounts are cafes & they will need reduce orders as well. I may have to completely close down.

This year was projected to be my profit year and now that will not happen. I am not on payroll, so I have no way of getting any compensation for this loss of business. We need to help people like myself who employ good, hard working adults in Portland. I will need a loan to help continue this business for 2020 and hopefully years to come.

Thank you,

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