

## Job Search Newsletter | April 3, 2020

None of us need anymore reminders of the negative impacts we have all endured amidst this global pandemic. This week's newsletter is meant to focus on some of the positive things that are happening around us, in hopes to not only brighten your day, but to provide you with some useful links and resources as we all work together to navigate the unknown.

**People & Businesses Stepping Up:** Many individuals & businesses have stepped up to combat the community effects of COVID-19. The sports world is raising money for stadium employees, Uber Eats is offering free delivery to help independent restaurants, restaurants are doling out free food to those in need, and Bill Gates is funneling out millions of dollars to speed up the development of Coronavirus treatments. Amazon CEO, Jeff Bezos is donating \$100 million dollars to Feeding America to help keep our food pantries stocked. Food Network star, Guy Fieri, is raising money for Restaurant Relief America, giving out \$500 individual grants to eligible restaurant workers who have lost their jobs. (Apply at <https://rerf.us/apply-for-aid/>.) All across the country, people are supporting local animal shelters by sponsoring pet adoptions and locally, the **La Crosse Distilling Company** has been busy making hand sanitizer to donate to those who need it. For more information about their efforts, go to <https://lacrossedistilling.co/hand-sanitizer/>.

Xcel Energy, VARC, WTC, River Town Dental, and several other local businesses have donated numerous medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) to our local health care organizations and many people are putting their sewing skills to the test by making masks.

Kwik Trip is giving temporary bonuses to an estimated 26,000 employees for their continued dedication in spite of their added workload and stress.

**Air Pollution has Plummeted** Drastic decrease in major greenhouse gases all over world as individuals self-quarantine and cars stay parked at home. Pollution is expected to drop even further as the particles in the atmosphere get either dispersed or absorbed. After quarantine is over the air is expected to be the cleanest air recorded in over a century.

### Unemployment Resources

To **apply for Unemployment benefits**, please use the online application at: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/ui/>

For **Unemployment FAQ's**, please visit: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/covid19/public/ui.htm>

**\*Please visit this site first to answer any unemployment questions as call volumes are extremely high. Updates are being added daily. We appreciate your patience as we address this unprecedented demand.**

*If you do not have internet access and need to file for Unemployment Benefits, please call 844-910-3661*

Information about the **Payroll Protection Plan** for small businesses can be found at:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/PPP--Fact-Sheet.pdf>

**Looking for a job?** The La Crosse Chamber of Commerce has created a Facebook page for job openings in the community during this time. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/lacrosseareajobs/>

### Boredom Relief Resources

**Free Yoga & Meditation Classes Online** <https://www.yogagirl.com/>

**Barnes & Noble Free Curbside Pickup** <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/in-store-pickup>

**Free Podcasts** <https://www.iheart.com/podcast/>

**Free Sirius XM Radio** until May 15th - including "#StayHome Radio" a channel featuring "feel-good" tracks from popular artists. Start streaming now at: [https://www.siriusxm.com/offers/free-listen?utm\\_campaign=SXM\\_FL\\_BAU&utm\\_medium=Press-Release&utm\\_source=2020-04\\_NA\\_streamfree-vanity2](https://www.siriusxm.com/offers/free-listen?utm_campaign=SXM_FL_BAU&utm_medium=Press-Release&utm_source=2020-04_NA_streamfree-vanity2)

**Around River City** - Wondering which businesses are open and what services they're providing? Looking for a job? Would you like to listen to some live, local music? Do you need assistance or have assistance to offer? Check out <https://www.aroundrivercity.com/>

Looking for something fun and challenging to do? Take the **Getty Challenge!** <https://blogs.getty.edu/iris/getty-artworks-recreated-with-household-items-by-creative-geniuses-the-world-over/>

Want to **learn a new language**? Check out these free apps! <https://www.inc.com/larry-kim/9-places-to-learn-a-new-language-online-for-free.html>

### Offer/Receive Assistance

**COVID-19 Help Squad** is a website that forms teams to help people in your community who have been largely affected by COVID-19. If you need assistance or if you have assistance to offer, you can register online at: <https://www.c19helpsquad.com>

**Communities Resources:** For those who need assistance to help pay their utility bills or put food on the table, Coulee Cap is here to help. Please go to: <https://www.couleecap.org/covid-19-assistance.html>