

JOBS LOST IN NEBRASKA HOTEL INDUSTRY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

- **4,254** direct hotel-related jobs lost
- **17,239** total jobs lost supporting hotel industry

NEBRASKA HOTELIERS SHARING THEIR HARDSHIP

Gabby Lozano – Columbus, NE

“As a hotelier in Nebraska I am devastated hearing about our hotels having to shut down, due to this coronavirus. We all have families to feed and bills to pay.”

Gaurang Kalabhai – Lincoln, NE

“I have experienced firsthand the sadness that comes with informing staff that we have no work for them, this is a difficult position to be put in as they are like family and helped us grow our businesses. We keep doors open with bare bones staff and ask you please ensure funding is released to keep the doors open as soon as possible. We have to keep funds in our bank to ensure we are able to open sooner than later and funding from Federal or State Government at zero interest is critical we are able to recall all our employees back to work once we have overcome this crisis. We are contemplating closing all our hotels throughout the State as banks are not willing to extend minimal to low interest loans to surpass this crisis.”

Joe Huffman – Bellevue, NE

“I have also experienced that there are talks of an impending furlough if this does not get taken care of. I also support myself and others in my home and the loss of income would be devastating, I would lose everything. I have been trying to have my drivers license reinstated and have not been able to due to a substantial amount owed to the state of Florida (Previously a Florida resident) for the past ten years. This year I would have been able to resolve the debt if not for the outbreak.”

HEADLINES ACROSS NEBRASKA ON IMPACT TO HOTEL INDUSTRY

45 news stories in Nebraska regarding impact to hotel industry on broadcast, print and online news outlets including:

Omaha World-Herald – [Empty Stands, Hotel Rooms, Restaurants: The Economic Toll Of Coronavirus In Nebraska](#)

So far, the entertainment and travel industries have seen the most direct and immediate impact. But if spread of the disease leads to [widespread office closures](#) and business suspension across major industries, there's clearly potential for a recession, Creighton University economist Ernie Goss said Wednesday.

Lincoln Journal Star – [Jobless Claims Jump By 70,000 As Virus Starts To Take Hold](#)

The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits surged last week by 70,000 to the highest level in more than two years, indicating that the effect of the coronavirus was starting to be felt in rising layoffs in the job market.