

Banking During COVID-19

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Financial Services Reimagined

- Bankers demonstrated why they are essential!
- Banks found creative ways to meet needs.
- Drive-Thru only branches
- By Appointment banking
- Safety protocols top priority
- Across the state banks met the challenge, kept their customers and employees safe, and performed the essential front-line work of the industry.



Forbearance and other consumer assistance

- Banks developed consumer relief programs for their customers before government mandates were in place.
- Payment Deferrals/Holidays
- Fee waivers
- Forgiveness of overdrawn accounts for purposes of EIP.
- Banks pro-actively reached out to borrowers to offer assistance.
- Bankers working around the clock to pro-actively reach out to borrowers to inform creation of tailored relief to the needs of their community and service area.



Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020

Paycheck Protection Program

- 2 Rounds of funding
- \$349 Billion Dollars on April 3
- Another \$300B beginning April 27
- Economic Impact Payments

Banks Stepped Up

- Every member bank in the state provided COVID-19 Relief programs
- Lenders worked around the clock with limited and often changing information
- Most Banks fulfilled 50%, 100%, or even 200% of their typical annual lending capacity in 14 days.

Business Access to Capital

- Top priority for bankers across the state
- Banks were and are committed to be a part of the solution.
- Ensured their communities had access to the working capital necessary to survive.
- Supporting small business and the Michigan economy in crisis.



Paycheck Protection Program

- Banks did 50%, 100%, 200% of typical annual loans.
- Lenders worked around the clock to help their customers
- Businesses access to capital was the top priority
- Working with very little and often conflicting information from the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- Bankers adapted to crisis lending because their customers needed them!
- Over 93% of PPP loans made across the country were under \$350,000 in total proceeds, these are truly small businesses!



Economic Impact Payments

- Many banks forgave overdrawn accounts when Economic Impact Payments arrived knowing their customers needed access to this money. This was not a mandate.
- In fact, the industry worked with Congress, Treasury, and the Small Business Association to encourage exemption of Economic Impact Payment's from garnishment.
- Pro-active outreach to less sophisticated customers to assist in setting up an electronic receipt of these funds.
- Banks were part of the solution by helping customers access life saving funds.



Direct Support for the Community

- As other crisis events occurred in the midst of the economic shutdown caused by COVID-19, banks stepped up again.
- Even while banks were negatively impacted by various occurrences they continued to be community focused.
- Fee waivers for impacted customers of Midland flooding and COVID-19 shutdowns.
- Many offered forgiveness of overdrawn accounts for purposes of EIP, understanding consumers need for these vital stimulus funds.



Direct Support for the Community

- Millions of dollars in community support for Midland and surrounding areas.
- Bi-partisan effort on E-Notary with Secretary of States office regarding real estate transactions, death certificates, and other legal documentation.
- MBA worked specifically with the administration to ensure consumers had access to mortgage re-financing a major source of relief for consumers.
- Wrap-up



Questions





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