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SABER
 Single Automated Business Exchange for Reporting

Getting Businesses Back in Business Faster

Business publishes status to a single sharing exchange.

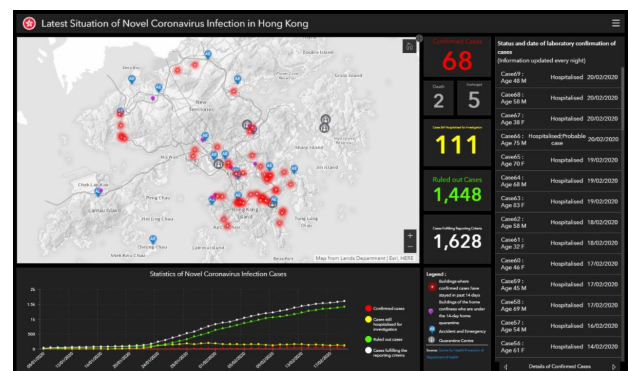
Governments get authoritative, timely, standardized, and accurate status to use in existing software.

All at no cost to you.

February 20, 2020

Special Coronavirus Business Information on Free SABER Mobile App

SABER members' business operations span the globe. As a result, SABER is providing its resources to improve business awareness of the COVID-19 Coronavirus through the SABER Map, SABER Mobile App, and a special insight into business life in Hong Kong.



SABER's special connection to Hong Kong may offer insight for business attention to Coronavirus. This from the Hong Kong Department of Health.

I have a personal connection to this event. My son and daughter-in-law live in Hong Kong and have been working from home, avoiding contact with people, and wearing face-masks when outside since mid-January. This gives us a special interest in this event - and a unique perspective as SABER will provide reports from Hong Kong, especially the impact on its business community.

Our focus is on business impacts and what the Coronavirus could mean to you, here, in the US. We will give you references to other information from CDC and WHO, among others. But what sets us apart is *critical business awareness information* from our business members, federal and state emergency offices, and direct from Hong Kong.

The SABER Map provides the overview, but the SABER mobile app is the distribution media for all the important information. So, download it today.

Learn more below on SABER's actions, download the mobile app, and please join us for the SABER Webinar next Thursday, February 27th at noon ET.

Jim Morentz
Executive Director
SABER

Four Partners for Coronavirus Business Awareness



Learn How You Get Started with the SABER Mobile App on the SABER Webinar Thursday February 27 at Noon ET

SABER has long led the way in public sector information sharing with government. Through its relationship with the XchangeCore Web Service Data Orchestration Open Source Community and with SpotOnResponse LLC, we constantly push the envelope on collecting and distributing key information. For SABER, that is status and needs of the business community for the purpose of influencing government priorities and encouraging business-to-business collaboration. Both aim to speed disaster recovery for the whole community.



As Doug Baker, FMI vice president of industry relations, said "When a food retailer goes into response mode after a natural disaster, one of the first steps is to assess which stores are open and which stores are closed. This essential information helps federal and local government agencies direct assistance so that grocery stores can re-open their doors and serve the community in need."

We are pleased that FMI has joined the National Association of Convenience Stores and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to get ahead - hopefully WAY ahead - of any issues with Coronavirus in the United States.



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION
Corporate Citizenship Center

(FMI) advocates on behalf of the industry advance a safer, healthier and more efficient food supply chain which employs nearly 5 million workers, has nearly 33,000 retail food stores and 12,000 pharmacies, and annual sales of almost \$800 billion.

locations of the convenience and fuel retailing industry by providing industry knowledge, connections and advocacy to ensure the competitive viability of its members' businesses with combined annual sales of more than \$600 billion.

to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness, educating the public on the conditions necessary for business and communities to thrive, how business positively impacts communities, and emerging issues and creative solutions.

Join us at the February 27th webinar to learn more about this special SABER effort and to see a demonstration of the mobile app you can get to follow key business information on this potential problem.

[Register for the webinar by clicking here.](#)



Can't Wait? Download the SABER Mobile App for Coronavirus NOW!

Critical information is waiting for you right now along with a worldwide daily update of cases and their disposition provided by Johns Hopkins University. And special reports from Hong Kong keep you informed about how businesses there are handling the problem.

[Get the SABER mobile app today.](#)

Free from our partner, National Association of Convenience Stores ...

Three Great Ways to Get the Free Emergency Job Aids and Training Videos - Download Documents, Use the NACS-SABER Mobile App, Watch the Webinar

Check out the recording of Craig Fugate, former administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), headlining a National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) webinar for businesses on how to plan and prepare for emergencies.



- [Watch the SABER - NACS Webinar on YouTube](#)
- [Download the Convenience Store Emergency Job Aids and Practical Training Videos.](#)

- [Download the NACS-SABER Mobile App for Emergency Job Aids and Training Videos.](#)

The NACS emergency planning resources are a result of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Infrastructure Protection Program Challenge, which was a project awarded to NACS in 2018 to identify and enhance how convenience stores can boost their resiliency as they plan, prepare and recover from a disaster.

"Communities and emergency response teams depend on their local convenience stores in times of need, especially for much-needed food, water and fuel," said Carolyn Schnare, NACS director of strategic initiatives. "These new NACS resources can help retailers evaluate their internal processes for reopening quickly and returning to normalcy.

"We at NACS are happy to be able to share these great tools at no cost with the emergency community, private sector and government."

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**Join These
Great
Companies
Who Invite
You to Get
Businesses
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Three Ways Companies Provide Status to SABER

1. A Simple Spreadsheet

Spreadsheet is posted by company on SABERspace website, transformed to NIEM standard, consumed by existing applications of authorized organizations



2. Mobile App Available

Companies use in their facilities and governments give to local companies to assure automatic status reporting and shared situational awareness.



3. Fully Automated Connection

Walmart leads the way by providing a fully automated connection to SABER for continuous updates.



**Sears, Macy's, Target, Lowes,
Costco, Walmart, Walgreens**
Invite You to Join SABER

Dear Colleagues,

Macy's, Target, Sears, Lowes, Walmart, Costco, Walgreens, and other corporations all make their business continuity status available to federal, state, and local governments through SABER, the Single Automated Business Exchange for Reporting. Together we invite your company or your agency to enroll in SABER to improve how the private sector provides business status information to governments.

The purpose of SABER is to provide a single location for private sector organizations to deposit operations status information for sharing with authorized government agencies and other approved organizations.

We believe that SABER saves us time, improves currency and accuracy of information that governments use, and reduces gaps, overlaps, and inconsistencies in the critical information that governments use for response decisions.

SABER is a non-profit organization created by the private sector that has been operational for nearly two years now. SABER has functioned during numerous exercises in Florida, California, and Illinois plus the national CAPSTONE exercises in 2014 and 2015. SABER also is experienced in real activations for the Northeast Snowmageddon, Hurricane Arthur, Typhoon Dolphin, the Napa Earthquake, and Hurricane Joaquin flooding.

To improve how you share business disruption status and reduce the burden of doing so, we invite you to enroll in SABER at www.SABERspace.org.

We hope to see your disruption status on SABER at the next exercise so we all are better prepared.

Jim Williams and James Waldrop, Sears Holdings
David Hosier, Macy's
Gabriel Marcus, Costco Wholesale
Richard Tovey, Walgreens

John Mueller, Target
Rick Neudorff, Lowes
Brooke Brager, Walmart

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Governments Consume Disruption Status from SABER

Have a VBOEC, no problem to add SABER status

Google Earth is easy to use

Get the SABER board for WebEOC at no cost

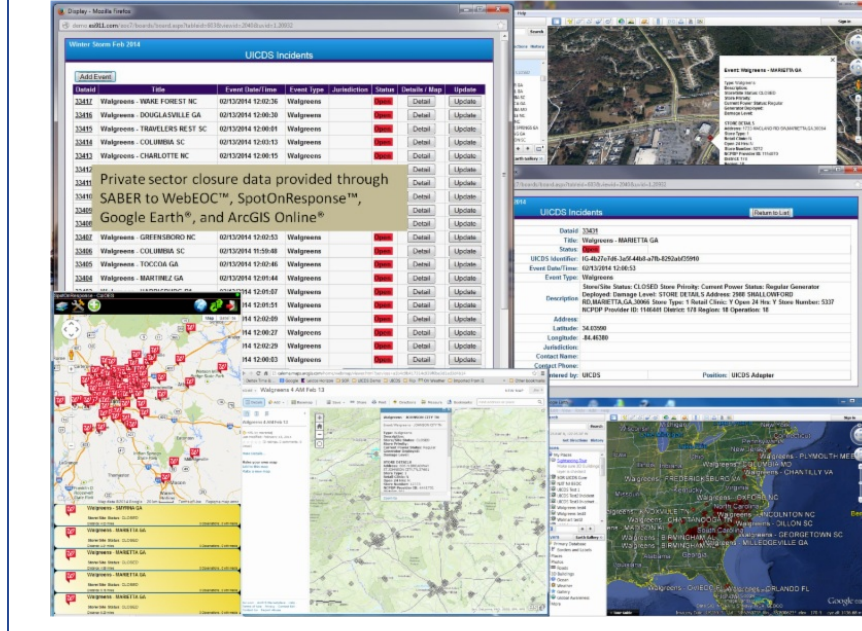
Go mobile with SpotOn Response

ArcGIS Online gets SABER data easily

Simple lists available too

Add SABER Status Map to website or VBOEC

**ArcGIS
Online?**



**WebEOC?
Google
Earth?**

**SABER
Business
Status in All
These ... and
Many More**

Getting Businesses Back in Business Faster

For business, SABER is the single place to publish your disruption information without changing your data or procedures.

For governments, SABER provides authoritative, timely, and accurate disruption information for your BEOC, incident management software, and Common Operating Picture maps.

All at no cost to you.

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