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Hospitality & Tourism virtual job fair could put hundreds back to work locally

One Stop Career Center has employment and training services to help

May 5, 2021, Salinas, CA – The Monterey County Workforce Development Board is encouraging local job seekers to take advantage of the remarkable employment opportunities currently available. "Now is the time for Monterey County job seekers – those unemployed or those looking to change careers – to connect with employers. Hundreds of local employers are hiring right now, and it will be easier to find the job you want now before the job market becomes really competitive in a couple of months when everyone's unemployment benefits end at the same time," said MCWDB Executive Director, Christopher Donnelly. "And our One Stop Career Centers are open again to provide free employment and training services."

Job seekers can call the One Stop Career Center at (831) 796-3335 or email MontereyCountyEmploymentHelp@Equus.com to set up an appointment if they need help upgrading their resumes, practicing their interview skills, and registering and participating in virtual job fairs.

The Monterey County Workforce Development Board, Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Convention & Visitors Bureau, Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association, and the Monterey County Weekly are teaming up to offer a **Hospitality & Tourism virtual job fair on May 13 from 10am-1pm**.

22 local businesses will be hiring at the May 13 Job Fair:

- Pebble Beach Company
- Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Hyatt Regency Monterey
- Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa
- InterContinental The Clement Monterey
- Folktale Group Folktale Winery, 7D Steakhouse, and Rise + Roam Restaurant
- Mission Ranch
- Bernardus Lodge & Spa
- Quail Lodge & Golf Club
- Post Ranch Inn
- Big Sur River Inn
- Esalen Institute
- Club Del Monte Catering
- Hofsas House Hotel

- Colton Inn
- Inns of Monterey
- Cannery Row Management Co
- The Sardine Factory
- La Playa Carmel
- Old Fisherman's Grotto
- Cafe Fina on Fishermen's Wharf
- Monterey Salinas Transit

Job seekers must be registered in advance to attend the job fair through the Premier Virtual platform. Follow this link or call (831) 796-3335 for assistance registering: HOSPITALITY & TOURISM JOB FAIR (premiervirtual.com)

These Hospitality & Tourism employers look forward to connecting with and hiring qualified job seekers on May 13 to fill the hundreds of positions they have available. The Monterey County unemployment rate was 10.4% in March of 2021 versus 8.3% across the state. The hospitality industry bore the brunt of unemployment throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Accommodation and Food Services made up 15.45% of industry sector unemployment claims in California.