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Today starts the first in what will be semi-weekly communications from us on news, resources and information related to COVID-19. While protective measures are necessary, we will try to find ways to support and promote our member businesses. If you follow us on social media or receive our e-newsletters, you will find resources and a recording of a recent webinar, current information from state and local governments and resources for small businesses that we have either posted or sent out on COVID-19 updates.

Our local businesses are at the forefront of our minds and even though we're postponing in-person meetings, please know that we are working hard for you. Over the last week, the Chamber staff has been in active communication with our partner associations, government officials and state and federal agencies. We are advocating for swift resources, timely information and clear direction for the business community. We're also committed to helping our members promote information about their operational changes and how they plan to continue serving clients and customers. If you have something you want our help in publicizing – please let us know.

As the situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve, here is an update on the steps the Chamber is taking for our daily operations. All committee and council meetings, ribbon cuttings and mixers are postponed until further notice. Our office is closed to the public, but you can still reach us by email.

The Chamber team will continue to be your advocates – and we'll all work toward building something better as we meet this challenge together.

Stay safe and healthy,

Nick Ortiz
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