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Boca Chamber



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Good Afternoon Valued Chamber Member!

First and foremost - we hope you and your family, both personal and professional, are healthy and getting through our current crisis as best you can.

The Boca Chamber is monitoring the situation on a daily basis. In order for us to continue to provide assistance to our members, we are taking various steps to remain fully operational throughout the duration of this event - while taking necessary precautions to protect the health and safety of our professional team.

Given our abundance of caution, along with both public and private sector protocols being implemented during this time, our in-person Chamber activity will be suspended until the end of March. We will convert to virtual programming when it is applicable and available. We are not changing the work of the Chamber, just how we do it. At least in the short term.

Our website, bocachamber.com and the Chamber APP, will be constantly updated with the latest information regarding all our programming. In addition, we will send direct emails with any programming changes.

Please note the following up-coming programming that has changed to a virtual format:

Free Tech Workshop 3/17 8:30 am- **Format Change: Virtual/ Webinar**
To register for this event, please click [here](#).

We encourage our members to implement strategies to protect their workforce from the coronavirus while ensuring continuity of operations. There are a number of resources to aid your business, whether large or small in size, to assist in that effort.

These resources, based on information provided by the CDC, include:

- CDC Resources for [Businesses and Employers](#).

- SBA [Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#) to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus.
- The U.S. Chamber's [Coronavirus Response Page](#), Including Resources and Guidelines for Businesses.
- A Shareable, Printable One-Pager with [Coronavirus Workplace Tips for Employees](#).
- A Shareable, Printable One-Pager with [Guidance for Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus](#).
- Shareable Social Graphics for You and Your Business on [How to Keep Families, Schools, and Businesses Safe](#). And What to do if You Get Sick.

In addition, last week Governor DeSantis announced the activation of the Business Damage Assessment survey to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's local business operations. The survey, managed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), will evaluate businesses affected by COVID-19 and the impacts the virus has had on the local economy so actions to implement appropriate relief programs can begin. The Business Damage Assessment Survey can be taken online at <https://floridadisaster.biz>.

Results from this survey will be shared with state agencies and local partners. Surveys submitted by small businesses can be used to access the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan, made available for COVID-19 through the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. For inquiries or assistance with the survey, businesses can contact Emergency Support Function 18 at ESF18@em.myflorida.com.

Our community, our state and our country has been through crisis before. And like those before, we will get through this crisis. Although we may not be physically together as much during this one - we are still all in it together - and together is how we will get through it. Thank you for your commitment and effort to help get us all through this as safely and swiftly as possible.

Your Chamber is open and available to provide assistance- do not hesitate to reach out to us!

Moving Forward,



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