

Good Afternoon Valued Chamber Family Member!

As we continue to navigate through these uncertain times - the welfare of our members continues to be our top priority. We are here and we are ready to assist you however we can. Our team is actively reaching out to each one of our members to learn how we can help.

We know the Coronavirus will not be taking the weekend off - and neither will your Chamber. Although our physical office will not be open on Saturday or Sunday - our email will be active and monitored. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to us at spearson@bocachamber.com.

As new information is delivered each day - we are working hard to keep the business community running - especially those that need us most. With the recent news to halt dining in our local restaurants - we advocated for the cities of Boca Raton and Boynton Beach to suspend or change sign regulations. Now - restaurants in both cities are allowed to use A-Frame signs and other methods of advertising to promote their business. Your Chamber has also compiled a list of area member restaurants offering delivery and/or curbside pickup. Please continue to support our local restaurants.

As you know, the <u>SBA Disaster Loan</u> Application has opened. We have organized a virtual webinar that gives you the tools you need to complete the application and explains how to apply.

Please reference the virtual events below to help your business:

03/24 9:00 am Virtual Presentation: How to Apply for the SBA Disaster Loan Presented by: Debbie Lanford, MBA, CGBP, International Trade Specialist Florida SBDC at Florida Atlantic University Division of Research To register for this event <u>click here</u>

03/26 9:00 am Virtual Presentation: Planning a Path Forward: How to Assess the Needs and Options for Your Business During a Crisis Presented by: Thomas Zeichman, Business Restructuring Attorney Marshall Grant, PLLC

To register for this event click here

03/25 9:30 am Virtual Presentation: How to Host a Live Webinar for Beginners

Presented by: Alex F. Oliveira, CEO, Prediq Media

To register for this event <u>click here</u>

In addition to all of the educational programming, we will also be hosting virtual networking events going forward. Stay tuned for more information on these cyber networking opportunities.

Lastly, there was some confusion in our business community today regarding the Governor's executive order as it related to the closures of certain types of businesses. The executive order related to restaurants, bars, night clubs and other types of businesses that are potential gathering places and a threat for the spread of COVID-19. To read the full order, please <u>click here</u>.

As we enter the weekend, please keep your family safe and continue to adhere to the health recommendations that are now ingrained in our minds. Also, please check on your neighbors and friends, especially if they are elderly, and help however you can. Try to take a breath, step back and keep calm. Remember - we're all in this together.

Moving Forward,

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