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**Boca Chamber**



Connecting Members | Advancing Commerce | Protecting Business | Enhancing Community

*"We're in this together, and together is how we'll get through it"*

Good Afternoon Valued Chamber Family Member!

Within the last hour, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the historic \$2 trillion stimulus package that passed the Senate earlier this week. The bill now goes to President Donald Trump for his signature.

As we close another long, but fast, week during our challenging times, the Boca Chamber continues to work hard to provide you with valuable and critical information and access to the resources that can best help you. During the course of the week - action has been taken by Palm Beach County and the City of Boca Raton.

On Wednesday evening, Palm Beach County issued a series of Emergency Orders which required non critical businesses to close and critical business to reduce their staff to minimum operations in an effort to slow the spread of the virus. You can access these orders by [clicking here](#). In addition, the City of Boca Raton issued yesterday a "Stay Home, Stay Safe" emergency order for everyone living within City limits to begin Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 12:01 am. Individuals may leave their places of residence only for essential activities. [Click here](#) to review the full order.

Although our front door is not open - our phone lines and emails are! We want to continue to hear from you so we know how to serve you best. Please take a moment to answer this one question survey. [Click here](#) to take the survey so we can keep track of your valuable feedback.

This evening at 4:30 pm, Boynton Beach City Commissioner Christina Romelus will be holding a virtual Town Hall meeting live on Facebook which will include members from the City of Boynton Beach & CRA, Chamber of Commerce, Career Source PBC, PBC School District, and St. John's Baptist Church. Topics will include; Updates on COVID 19, assistance to business owners, safety and precautions for Boynton residents, resource for food, employment and education and a Q&A open forum. Please [click here](#) to register.

Connecting members is at the core of what we do. We are excited to have hosted our first successful virtual happy hour yesterday with over 50 virtual attendees! Be sure to regularly check the [Boca Chamber's website](#) and our Chamber App

HELPFUL LINKS:

[Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program](#)

[SBA Disaster Assistance](#)

[Florida Department of Health](#)

[Centers for Disease Control](#)

[Boca Chamber's Coronavirus Resources](#)

[Florida Chamber COVID-19 Toolkit](#)

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce Resources and Guidelines for Business](#)

to stay updated on future virtual networking opportunities. In the event you missed any of our virtual programming this week it can all be viewed on the Chamber's [YouTube](#) page. Now more than ever, it is imperative we stay connected as a community and continue to facilitate meaningful relationships.

Here are a upcoming webinars to help your business:

**03/24 2:00 pm**

**Topic:** Employee Assistance

**Speaker:** Michael Corbit, Assistant Vice President of Business Services for CareerSource Palm Beach County

To register for this event, please [click here](#).

**04/01 10:00 am**

**Topic:** What Employers Need to Know About COVID-19 Under New Federal Law

**Speaker:** Ellen M. Leibovitch, Labor and Employment Attorney, Assouline & Berlowe, P.A.

To register for this event, please [click here](#).

The Chamber's Golden Bell Education Foundation is also going virtual, The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is doing "YEA! in a New Way!". The Boca YEA! program is continuing online with virtual sessions to keep students engaged. This innovative way of hosting sessions is proving itself to be a welcomed connection for our YEA! Class of 2020 from eleven different schools. Spending this much time at home can be very challenging for teens, so we are glad we are able to help students break away from life's current limited daily routines.

As we continue to work together, I would like to thank you for standing with the Boca Chamber and supporting businesses and each other when we need it most. We will overcome this challenge together - no matter how long it takes. As always, your Chamber is here and we are available. Please call or email us if you have any questions.

Moving Forward,



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