

We here at the Spring Klein Chamber of Commerce realize the community is facing uncertain times. If you are a member or non-member, please feel free to reach out to us even if we cannot meet face-to-face at this time. We want to be a great resource for you and help you in any way possible. We understand a lot of you may have to totally change the way you do business going forward. This is an awesome opportunity to think outside of the box and we are here to help you do so. Don't hesitate to reach out and send us your questions. Even if we don't immediately have an answer, we will work to get one for you.

With information changing daily, the Spring Klein Chamber of Commerce is constantly on the lookout for new and different ways to respond. Last week, we chose to shift our focus to finding and circulating any information which might benefit our Members and the community. We want to make it easy for you to find the resources your business might need in the coming days and weeks.

We believe the following four action items will prove of significant value in the quest to keep our community thriving throughout this “New Normal.”

- Keep your SKCC membership current/Renew your membership. (We are making payment arrangements to those who need it, with no questions asked. Please contact the office and we can help you with that.)
- Shop local, and support small business. Do what you can locally before resorting to national online retailers like Amazon.
- Buying gift cards will help our local businesses right now, and you can benefit from it later. It's a win-win!
- Use our handy new website links to stay updated on the latest information.

We have created a red COVID-19 update button on the top of our website. We have put links you need for business and personal information. We've done this so you can check this on your own timing, instead of being inundated with info via email or social media. The page is conveniently separated into four categories: Business, Local, National, and Global. Hannah, our Director of Operations, will continue to monitor the page and add new links when needed.

Our new Member Showcase button takes you to a page currently in progress. We are dedicated to keeping it updated with the current status of operations for each category of industry. Restaurants are featured at the moment; our goal is to add several more categories by the end of the week.

Please consider taking part in our survey. We want to give an accurate report to the Local, State and Federal levels so they can make informed decisions for our area.

SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.gle/rdxSgurF4SdSvCKC6>

We also want to inform you SBA economic injury disaster loans have started their intake. https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Or call 1-800-877-8339 for deaf and hard-of-hearing. This program can provide low-interest loans up to \$2 million to the business and private nonprofit businesses. They may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere. And an Interest rate for non-profits of 2.75 %. With long term repayment options, up to a maximum of 30 years. Terms are determined on a case-by- case basis, based on the borrower's ability to pay.

Finally, while everyone has a little down-time, please go to www.2020census.gov The census results help determine how billions of dollars in Federal funding flows into the states and communities each year.

In response to COVID-19 guidelines, The Chamber is running on a Level 3. This means all functions of the Chamber will be cancelled. The Chamber office is Closed. Our Team is and will continue to work from home taking emails and phone calls. Please keep us updated on any needs you have and please be safe.