



From the Chambers in Elkhart County

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The ongoing response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change rapidly. The Chambers of Commerce in Elkhart County are focused on supporting our business communities in Elkhart County. We want to make sure you have the best information in the most efficient and responsible way. We are working together to make sure we are able to answer your questions, connect you to the best resources, and advocate for the needs of our local business community.

We, along with our partners from around the region and colleagues spread throughout the state and country, and the Small Business Administration supported organizations continue to collaborate to insure that we are providing you with the most up-to-date information. It is important that we hear from you to insure that your voice is heard and your needs are met.

Like all communities around the country we encourage all of us to follow the CDC guidelines for lessening the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.
- Put distance between yourself and other people.

Let's all work together to follow the advisories and warnings that local, state, and federal officials have put in place to protect our communities.

We want to thank everyone who is working tirelessly as healthcare professionals to take this pandemic head on. Thank you to those whose work has a straight line to fighting the spread of the virus. Thank you to those that continue to work in efforts to make sure that needed supplies are available to people in our communities. All of your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Know that your business is our mission and walking beside you through this time is why we are here. This is not our new normal; this is our normal for now. When we get to the other side of this pandemic, together we will continue to be the vibrant, supportive, and thriving community we always strive to be.

Sincerely,

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Greater Elkhart, Levon Johnson
Middlebury, Sheri Howland
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