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Flattening the Curve

AUSTIN, MINNESOTA, March 16, 2019 — The Austin Area Chamber of Commerce office will be closed to the public until further notice out of an abundance of caution to help prevent the community spread of COVID-19. We are available by phone at 507-437-4561 and by email at elaine@austincoc.com. We will keep you updated regarding changes or cancellations of Chamber events on our website austincoc.com and on our Facebook page.

The Chamber is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for our employees and are closely monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak according to the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. We are taking action with our team's safety in mind while seeking to ensure timely delivery of critical Chamber services for our members. In response to this new data and actions announced by Governor Walz, the Chamber is advancing our response plan for Chamber operations. We are not closing down the Chamber. We are open for business and moving to a "Work Distancing" model.

The Austin Area Chamber has advised their employees to follow the public health authorities' guidance regarding hygiene and personal travel. The Chamber is postponing all in person events and meetings until further notice and is encouraging employees and members to leverage technology to hold business meetings whenever possible.

We appreciate the trust that you place in the Chamber. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and take actions necessary to help keep our employees and the community safe while providing the services you need to run your business.

If you are uneasy about going out right now, you can still do things to support our local businesses. Buy gift cards now and use them later. Order carry-out. Buy items now for future pick up. Keep your memberships current, most places rely on your dues to operate. If you know a business owner, ask how you can help them during this time.

The Austin Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business organization serving nearly 400 area member businesses. The chamber's mission is to support our members by promoting local commerce, advocating business perspectives and establishing relationships for business and community success. For more information about the Chamber please call us at 507-437-4561, visit our website at austincoc.com, check out our Facebook page or email at elaine@austincoc.com.

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