"We may not have it all together, but TOGETHER we have it ALL”

There is no doubt the Corona Virus is hitting our community hard, even though there are only 2 confirmed cases in LaGrange County at this time.

All of our businesses are facing economic repercussions of the pandemic, and none of us are exempt from getting the virus. You, me, your family, your friends, and local businesses.

Take the advice of the Governor and STAY HOME! If you are working from home, count your blessings. Enjoy your family. Work on that home improvement project you have been putting off. Go through your closets, organize the store room, do your spring cleaning. You are going to feel so accomplished! Whatever you do, stay productive, and take care of ourselves and those around you. Check in on that neighbor you might not even know!

Here at the Chamber, the staff is thinking of the future. Knowing some small businesses won’t be able to survive this crisis. Especially hard hit is the restaurants, please get take out tonight! While you are there picking up your food, please tip that person who delivers it to you, they are hurting too!

In the past few weeks, our Chamber Members and other businesses have been hit hard but as we did in that down turn of the economy, LaGrange county pulled up there boots and carried on. If anything we pulled together more than ever before and this time should be no different!

Together we can do this…like the décor on my desk says; “We may not have it all together, but TOGETHER we have it ALL”

This too shall pass and it will go down in history like other events have only to make us stronger in the end!

Even though the Chamber office has temporarily closed its doors, know that we are only an email (director@lagrangechamber.org) or phone call (260-463-2443) away. Take care,

Beth
**Renewing Members**

Serenity Salon  
Brighton Chapel Brethren Church  
Gay’s Hops-N-Schnapps  
Radiant Rustic Treasures  
Life Care Center  
Freedom Academy  
Emerging Leaders of LaGrange County  
Iannarelli’s Italian Restaurant  
Holiday Inn Express  
A Thankful Heart  
Billman Propane  
Topeka Pharmacy  
Northern Woodcraft Products LLC  
J.O. Mory, Inc  
Trinity Handyman LLC  
Stateline Woodturning  
Blackburn & Green  
Redi-Care  
Edward Jones  
American Legion Post 215  
Lakeside Nursery  
Strawser Auction Group  
Re/Max Results  
LaGrange Veterinary Clinic  
Yoder Insurance Agency, LLC  
Emerick, Diggins & Zabona, P.C.  
LigTel Communications  
Forks Valley Woodworking, LLC  
Lambright Woodworking  
Brightpoint  
Lakepark Industries of Indiana, Inc.  
LaGrange Rotary Club  
JM Quality Construction, LLC  
Howe United Methodist Church  
Brethren Retreat at Shipshewana Lake  
Cole Center Family YMCA

**Thank you!**

"You may not be able to control every situation and its outcome, but you can control your attitude and how you deal with it."
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How to Make a Face Mask

Parkview LaGrange Hospital would like to stress that they have not run out of masks, they are conserving their supplies by reuse and limiting availability kept in departments. If you are interested in donating masks to the hospital, below is the pattern the hospital has been sharing.

People can drop these off at the Emergency Department’s check-in desk area. Anyone who donates masks are asked to fill out a Gift In Kind form (printed copies at the ED check on Desk) because the hospital is required to track all donations. Thank you!

How to make a Face Mask

You will need a cotton fabric, any print for all men, women and children
Cotton flannel for the backing
1/8” flat braided elastic
Cut the elastic 7” long for adult or children

You can make 2 sizes: Adult (9”x6”) or Child (7.5”x5”)

1. Put right sides of cotton and flannel fabric together.
2. Starting at the center of bottom edge sew to the first corner, stop. Sew end of elastic to corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
3. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of that same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
4. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. And repeat #2 to the corner.
5. Sew to next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
6. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5” to 2” open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out.
7. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
8. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

It is so easy to make this.

Be sure any fabric design is placed horizontally.

WRONG

RIGHT
Coronavirus (COVID-19): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources

Health and government officials are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Small businesses are encouraged to do their part to keep their employees, customers, and themselves healthy.

The Small Business Administration assists small businesses with accessing federal resources and navigating their own preparedness plans as described by the CDC’s Guidance for Businesses and Employers.

**Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program** - Small business owners in all U.S. states and territories are currently eligible to apply for a low-interest loan due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). Find more information on the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loans at: SBA.gov/Disaster.

The SBA will work directly with state Governors to provide targeted, low-interest loans to small businesses and non-profits that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to $2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing.

**SBA Express Bridge Loans** - Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program allows small businesses who currently have a business relationship with an SBA Express Lender to access up to $25,000 with less paperwork. These loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing and can be a term loans or used to bridge the gap while applying for a direct SBA Economic Injury Disaster loan. If a small business has an urgent need for cash while waiting for decision and disbursement on Economic Injury Disaster Loan, they may qualify for an SBA Express Disaster Bridge Loan.

SBA works with a number of local partners to counsel, mentor and train small businesses. The SBA has 68 District Offices, as well as support provided by its Resource Partners, such as SCORE offices, Women’s Business Centers, Small Business Development Centers and Veterans Business Outreach Centers. When faced with a business need, LaGrange County Businesses can contact the Fort Wayne Office at 260-481-0495.

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SBA U.S. Small Business Administration
7 Essential Tips for Working From Home during the Corona Virus Pandemic by Regina Borsellino

1. Get Dressed - Getting dressed also applies to other appearance-based tasks: Take a shower, brush your hair, even put on makeup if that’s what you’d usually do. You don’t need to go as all out as you would for the office if you don’t want to, but waking up and taking care of your appearance can go a long way toward helping you feel like you’re taking care of yourself.

2. Designate a Workspace or Home Office - Try to make your workspace comfortable with a chair you can sit in for eight hours a day and a few decorations. Find an area with good natural lighting if at all possible. Even if you don’t usually spend a lot of time outdoors, losing out on the time you spend outdoors during your commute can start to weigh on you quickly, and it will only happen faster if you don’t have natural light coming in.

3. Keep Clearly Defined Working Hours - Just as you designate and separate your physical workspace, you should be clear about when you’re working and when you’re not. You’ll get your best work done and be most ready to transition back to the office if you stick with your regular hours. Plus, if your role is collaborative, being on the same schedule as your coworkers makes everything much easier.

4. Build Transitions Into (and Out of) Work - Your morning commute not only gets you to work—from one physical location to another—but it also gives your brain time to prepare for work. Just because you’re not traveling doesn’t mean you shouldn’t carve out equivalent routines to help you ease into your workday. Give yourself something that will signal the end of work and serve as a buffer.

5. Don’t Get Too Sucked in by the News—or Anything Else - Right now, one of the biggest distractions is the news. And if you’re working remotely because of the new corona virus, checking in on COVID-19 updates is going to be at the front of your mind. It’s good to stay informed, of course, but it’s also easy to scroll yourself into an anxious mess.

6. Communicate, Communicate, Communicate - If you don’t usually work from home, chances are there will be some bumps in the road if you have to suddenly go fully remote. The key to steering through these bumps is communication—especially with your manager and direct reports.

7. Don’t Forget to Socialize - When the world is freaking out, it’s more important than ever that we reach out, connect, and take care of one another.

For the full story you can find it at: https://www.themuse.com/advice/coronavirus-work-from-home-tips
**Make A Difference**

Here’s what you can do:

**Wash your hands!** One of the simplest prevention measures one can take is proper hand-washing.

The CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water before eating, after using the bathroom, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, and before and after caring for a sick friend or a family member.

**Stay home when you are sick!** Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

"Should I wear a facemask?"

The CDC recommends that only patients with the coronavirus wear a face mask to protect others around them, or, if the patient cannot wear a face mask, others should if they are in the same room together.

Health officials are not recommending that healthy people buy masks at this time.

*Update from the Indiana State Department of Health via United State Congressman Jim Banks*