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On behalf of Lubbock Chamber Chair Gabe Vitela and the Board of Directors, we want our Chamber partners to know we share the enormity of the COVID-19 impact on you, your families and your business. We are focused on helping people and businesses to grasp the overall uncertainty of this crisis and get through this pandemic.

We transitioned the Chamber staff to be totally focused on providing direct support to our business members and the community. As of today, we will suspend or postpone all in-person meetings, networking and programming events for the foreseeable future. The office and staff will remain accessible and we encourage you to reach out through [email](#) or by calling our office for any assistance.

Virtual meeting technology is now being used to replace in-person meetings until further notice. Events such as next week's Salute to Ag luncheon are postponed supporting our sponsors and attendees but we will also conduct a webinar that same day and time to cover subjects we intended to provide. More information will be available soon. Additionally, previously scheduled ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, and Business after Hours are also being offered as virtual events where possible. We don't intend to cancel any activities that can be postponed or rescheduled.

I am confident that together, we can find innovative ways to encourage connections and business building in new and technological ways as we navigate these challenging times. All of us need to pay heed to flattening this Coronavirus pandemic curve so this crisis can be mitigated sooner rather than later, and we can get back to business as usual.

Here is where you can get the [latest news regarding the Coronavirus](#). Use this webpage as a resource for you and your business. You will see updates regarding Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, Administration and Congressional funding support measures as well as other local businesses and Chamber efforts to support your business.

Please call, email or post on our social media what your business is doing to respond and handle this COVID-19 emergency so we can work together to share possible solutions or find help for those who need it. We have also created a quick [survey](#) and we encourage all members to spare a few minutes to take it so we can collect a similar formation.

We appreciate your patience, consideration, and assistance during these next several months. This is another opportunity that together, we can provide the most legitimate reason for belonging to the Lubbock Chamber—serving as a leader for our community.

Thank you,



Eddie McBride | President and CEO