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TO: ALL LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

Good morning,

The Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sandpoint are working together to bring local business owners pertinent and helpful information for the upcoming weeks ahead.

The City of Sandpoint will be making a disaster declaration tomorrow which will likely include new health guidelines for restaurants and bars within the city limits to ensure the overall health of our community and surrounding area. In coming days, there is also a likelihood that this could include a mandatory shutdown. This is not an easy decision and is not taken lightly. Decisions are based upon what health officials are advising. Please keep in mind our demographics of retirees in the area as this is the most vulnerable group.

For those restaurants who are/will be offering curbside/takeout menus during this time, the Chamber and the City would like to provide this information to the general public via social media, local newspapers and media outlets. Please send information to mmalone@sandpointidaho.gov.

Obviously this is a moving target, changing hour by hour. Here is a link to some state resources thru the Idaho Department of Commerce - <https://commerce.idaho.gov/> The Governor's <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> site is also adding resources for businesses soon.

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In addition, the Governor's office and office of emergency management are working on an SBA (Small Business Association) disaster relief loan program and will be announcing a plan in the next few days. To get ahead of the curve, attached is an *Economic Injury*

Worksheet provided by Joel Nania, our regional SBA representative. You can fill out this form, email it to Joel at joel.nania@sba.gov and he will get it to the disaster declaration office.

Our priority is the health of our community and surrounding area and we are looking at every angle to make sure the best decisions are made with everyone in mind. We are a community of resilient individuals and we will get through this together. Help out where you can, even if it is staying home and safe.

We will get through this together.

Kate McAlister , President/CEO Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce

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