

PUYALLUP SUMNER  
**CHAMBER**  
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# THE CHAMPION OF BUSINESS

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Dear Chamber Community,

Like many of you, I've been inundated with messages and updates about COVID-19. I've dialed into conference calls to hear updates from the White House, the Governor's office, County leaders and other agencies.

The recent steps taken by our state and local governments are consistent with CDC guidelines to reduce the spread of this virus and mitigate the impact on our health systems. While we know it's critical to flatten the curve, as they say, these actions come with severe economic impacts. I don't know of one Chamber member, including ourselves, that is not being impacted during this extraordinary time.

Our Chamber exists to be the **catalyst for business growth, the convener for leaders and influencers, and the champion of business and stronger communities**. However, our current reality makes this difficult.

How can we best support our members and the local businesses of Puyallup and Sumner?

Right now, here's what we're doing:

- **Providing relevant, credible resources to members.** We want to help you find economic relief so we are staying on top of reports of resources available as well as tracking any new developments with paid sick leave benefits and unemployment insurance. We currently have several of these resources listed on our website.
- **Exercising caution with regard to Chamber and community events.** We're making decisions to postpone some events and are exploring the possibility of virtual programming.
- **Continuing to promote local businesses.** We are exploring ways to amplify your messages and we want to hear from you. Please keep us informed of any specials or promotions your business is offering. We will be creating a landing page on our website to display these opportunities and will provide ways for those in our community to barter services if they choose to do so.

Visit [puyallupsumnerchamber.com/covid-19-updates](http://puyallupsumnerchamber.com/covid-19-updates) for information about all of the above.

In the words of Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier, "Businesses are essential parts of our community. Jobs are important. At the same time, we are experiencing something unlike anything in my lifetime. Now is the time to be looking out for your loved ones, your neighbors, your families."

I'm looking out for you, our members, and I know we can weather this storm - but only if we support one another as best we can and stick together (at an appropriate distance, of course!).

Stay healthy, friends!



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