



CHAMBER ACTION

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The Chamber is collecting as much information as we can on COVID-19 to inform our members and the community. We will continue to update our website regularly, as well as sharing on our social channels.

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A letter to our members:

What an interesting time we are in! Leaders all over the world are facing issues never seen before. Unprecedented conditions require remarkable responses from all of us. I see decisions being made in our community and state that put the welfare of people and

community first. That is inspiring! Just like you, the Ankeny Area Chamber is looking at what we can do to provide you with the services and information you need right now, while paying attention to the health and safety of our members, staff and community.

We will be collecting as much information as we can on our COVID-19 resource page. We will continue to update the page regularly, as well as sharing as much as we can via our social channels.

The Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce employees will be working for you every day. Our team is practicing social distancing and will be working remotely. Count on our dedicated team to provide you with exceptional service remotely. Be assured that while you are focusing on your family, community and business we will continue to focus on you.

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At this time for the health and safety of our members, all events currently scheduled through May 6, 2020 have been postponed. Where possible, events will be rescheduled and some opportunities will be converted to a webinar.

Thank you for your efforts to see our community through this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Julie Todtz
President/CEO



Ambassador of the Month

Congratulations to the March Ambassador of the Month - **Laura Reed with AR Workshop Ankeny!** Thank you, Laura, for your involvement in the Chamber!

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Visit www.ankeny.org and check out the Chamber's social media pages to catch the next FREE webinar! The webinars feature industry experts discussing relevant topics in the current business climate.

Chamber Coffee on the Couch

Every Wednesday in April
10:00 am

Join us for casual virtual networking!
Visit www.ankeny.org to register.



TASTEBUD TUESDAYS!

Kyle's Bikes was our March Tastebud Tuesday recipient! Lunch was provided by Yankee Clipper. Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, 1st National Bank, Ankeny!



COVID-19 Resources

Click each box to access the resource link.

If you are a small business owner in need of help - **apply for a small business grant through the Chamber.** In order to qualify you must have a small business in Ankeny. The application deadline is Friday, May 1. Grants will be given based on financial need, business forecast, employee impact, and your Ankeny business story. Click here to download the small business grant application.

Due to Governor Reynold's order to close public spaces during the COVID-19 crisis in Iowa, **the Chamber set up a webpage to update the Ankeny area community on local business hours and operation strategies.** Click here to submit your business listing or view current business updates.

A group of Chamber members and small businesses owners created an initiative to support small businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

The #ANKENY2GETHER movement is designed to help local businesses and their employees during the pandemic. T-shirts are available for purchase with 100% of the profits going directly to help businesses in need through a grant program set up by the Chamber.

Each grant application will be reviewed and vetted by a committee. The grant selection will be based on financial assistance needed, a three month business forecast, employees in need, and the business's community story.

Shirts are available online at ankeny2gether.qbcampus.com or at Ankeny Hy-Vee stores.

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State Resources

Governor Reynolds announced a new **Iowa Small Business Relief Program to provide financial assistance to small businesses and tax deferrals to Iowa businesses economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.** All applications received by the deadline, March 31 at noon will be reviewed for consideration.

A fund has been created to support **Targeted Small Businesses (TSB) with zero employees that have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.** The program will process applications in order of receipt of application and submission of all required documents until funds are exhausted.

The SBA issued a disaster declaration for the state of Iowa as of March 21, 2020. **The declaration allows pandemic-impacted small businesses to apply for low-interest support loans.** The declaration comes after Governor Reynolds submitted a federal funding request via the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

National Resources

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated \$350 billion to help small businesses keep workers employed amid the pandemic and economic downturn. Known as the Paycheck Protection Program, the initiative provides 100% federally guaranteed loans to small businesses who maintain their payroll during this emergency. Importantly, these loans may be forgiven if borrowers maintain their payrolls during the crisis or restore their payrolls afterward. The administration soon will release more details including the list of lenders offering loans under the program. In the meantime, **the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has issued this guide to help small businesses and self-employed individuals prepare to file for a loan.**

Click here to view the CARES Act guide.

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