



Dear Modesto Community and Chamber Members,

As the impact and spread of COVID-19 continues, we have been monitoring the situation closely and want you to know that we are here to support the business community during this time of uncertainty. We have received several calls from local businesses concerned with mandatory closures and cancellation of events and group meetings. We are monitoring communication from county and city leaders, our local legislators, and school officials and will share necessary information that may impact the community as warranted.

CHAMBER OFFICE:

At this time, we are open for business, and we are prepared to serve our members and citizens over the next several weeks. However, we are limiting in office services. We will send you updates if we alter office hours or access. Please note, all Chamber related committees, programs, and events have been cancelled until further notice.

MODESTO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

All Modesto City School District schools will close beginning Thursday, March 19, through Sunday, April 5th. They will be providing more information and updates throughout the week and in the weeks ahead. For updates: <https://www.mcs4kids.com/district/news/announcements/3184>

SYLVAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT:

All Sylvan Union School District schools will close beginning Thursday, March 19, through Sunday, April 5th. They will be providing more information and updates throughout the week and in the weeks ahead. For updates: <https://sylvan-ca.schoolloop.com/cv19info>

BUSINESS SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE:

The SBA is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to California small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19. Small businesses in both Stanislaus and San Joaquin County can apply for a loan of up to \$2 million dollars with an interest rate of 3.75 percent for small businesses and 2.75 for non-profits. SBA offers loans with long-term repayments in order to keep payments affordable, up to a maximum of 30 years and are available to entities without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE:

AgSafe has create a guide with a majority of the information applying to employers. They are sharing this with their members and stakeholders and have extended it to me to share with our members and community as well.

<https://www.agsafe.org/covid-19-resources/>

Our mission is to support the Greater Modesto community, and in these times, our commitment to that mission is never stronger. If you have any questions or could use our assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Stay safe.

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