

Good afternoon members,

We have an interesting webinar on Thursday. FanFood, which is an app for food pick-up and delivery, has come to us with an offer for our restaurant owners. Please read more about this webinar and hope you can join us.

I attended a webinar, hosted by Batavia Chamber of Commerce regarding Unemployment Insurance. For those not able to listen, a link to the recording and a link to the presentation is below.

Click [HERE](#) for RECORDING

Click [HERE](#) for PRESENTATION

I am **attaching** an excellent graphic “Stay Connected” with some innovative ways to stay communicating with your customers during this time. We have already experimented with some here at the Chamber.

If you have missed any of these emails and resources, they are all posted on <https://www.genevachamber.com/coronavirus2.php>.

WEBINAR (free)

Coping with Stress and Anxiety for the Business Owner

Hosted by member Intermission Therapies

April 15 @ 12 pm

Register [HERE](#)

Due to the popularity of this topic, Intermission Therapies has offered another session for April 15. Randall Bennett (MA LCPC, LMFT, Small Business Owner and Clinical Director at Intermission Therapies) will moderate a free meeting for business owners designed to discuss how the pandemic is emotionally affecting small business owners. The goal of the meeting is to support each other through open discussion and offer advice and techniques to help deal with the stress and cope with feelings of fear and anxiety. The meeting will be limited to 8 participants with additional meetings scheduled based on demand.

WEBINAR (free)

Informational Meeting on FanFood App

Presented by Chris Brown, of FanFood App

April 16 @ 10 am

Register [HERE](#)

During this difficult time, the Geneva Chamber is trying to provide as much assistance to our members as possible. This is an opportunity for our restaurant members. We have been contacted by Chris Brown, of FanFood App, a food pick-up and delivery app. During this time, they want to help our restaurants with a 60-day free trial period and other incentives seen below. Watch this video for more information <https://youtu.be/b6xVzxJLHXA>

WEBINAR (free)

Contingency Plan Response

Presented by Elgin, Geneva and Huntley Chambers of Commerce

April 16 @ 10 am

Register [HERE](#)

The Chambers of Elgin, Geneva, and Huntley are pleased to sponsor this webinar with the goal of helping our members and community business to engage, learn, and adapt in these challenging times. Ryan Weiss will share a framework for enabling teams and organizations to adapt and thrive in uncertain times. The 4 step model is based on personal experience in Business Continuity Planning, Execution, and Observation of Human Behavior. Dr. Dave NieKamp will also attend as a panelist to support in answering your questions!

From U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Implementing a National Return to Work Plan

What will a return to work look like? That is the question weighing heavily on the minds of government leaders and public health officials, employers and their employees, and American families striving for the delicate balance of staying safe and making ends meet.

It is a question that begs more questions. But this much is increasingly certain: returning to work will be gradual, phased-in, and will vary by factors such as location, sector, business type or size, and the health status of workers. It also will require continued social distancing, expanded use of personal protective equipment, and other counter-measures.

Whenever the return to work begins, the planning for it must begin now. The American business community must begin preparing now for new processes, requirements, or restrictions for which there is no playbook or precedent. And we must not allow a lack of resources, regulations that are not fit-for-purpose, and the fear of litigation to sideline efforts to return to work and life—safely, successfully, and sustainably.

To help business and government anticipate the challenges we may face, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has begun to explore and catalogue some of the major implications of returning to work in this environment—ranging from workplace safety and employee rights to liability concerns and continued revenue disruptions.

Some of our initial thoughts are detailed below across three different sections

1. Essential Services and Resources
2. Resolution of Regulatory and Legal Liability Issues
3. Support for Businesses and Individuals

Read the rest of the article [HERE](#).

This document is intended to spur discussion. We hope you will not only read it, but also react to it and add to it. We don't have all the answers today – or even all the questions.

Please provide feedback on the document and specifically to the questions included at the end, via this email address: returntowork@uschamber.com.

It is worth pausing to thank all of those who never stopped working, who risk their personal health to keep everyone else safer. As we proceed, we should think about how we honor them and recognize their efforts.

Working together, we know we can be better prepared for the successful reopening of our economy and an eventual return to normal ways of working and living.

From Illinois Restaurant Association (IRA)

FDA: Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up and Delivery Services

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is sharing information about best practices to operate retail food stores, restaurants, and associated pick-up and delivery services during the COVID-19 pandemic to safeguard workers and consumers.

This information includes key considerations for how foods offered at retail can be safely handled and delivered to the public, as well as key best practices for employee health, cleaning and sanitizing, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

[Click here](#) to download the latest guidance. [Click here](#) to download a summary infographic.

Webinar for Restaurateurs

The IRA will be hosting our next webinar for restaurant operators on Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans **Wednesday, April 15 at 12:00 p.m. (Central)**.

We are again hosting the program along with the American Business Immigration Coalition (ABIC), National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA), National Restaurant Association, and the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association.

Topics to be covered include:

- New Treasury guidance to lenders and other policy updates
- Clearing backlogs and increasing access for underserved communities: linguistically diverse, unbanked, rural, and smaller (100 employees or less) small business owners and nonprofits
- Connecting underserved communities to local banks, nonbank lenders, and CDFIs
- Identifying, documenting, and filing complaints on wrongful actions
- Q&A with Renee Bender, Senior Professional Staff with the Senate Small Business & Entrepreneurship Committee under Chairman Marco Rubio; and Melissa Jung, Chief of Staff for Chairwoman Nydia Velázquez

[Click here](#) to register.

Sincerely,

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