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Good Afternoon,

Like you, the Alamance Chamber is tracking Covid-19 (Coronavirus) and how it will impact our businesses and our community. We are paying close attention to the issue. We will be compiling and sharing information with you as the local situation changes.

With cases now in Wake County and Chatham County, it is time to begin (or increase) your organizational planning – not just for potential illnesses, but for the economic impact that illness and fear of illness will create.

The North Carolina Chamber is the best information we have seen for business preparation and response. Read it. Forward it to your leadership team. Schedule a meeting with your staff/board/advisors to discuss it. Begin making a plan.

To access information about COVID-19 <u>click here</u> to read what the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services is saying.

At this time, we have no plans to cancel any upcoming events hosted by the Chamber. However, we will ask that people attending our events practice good handwashing and consider greetings that do not include a handshake. In addition, we urge anyone who is sick or at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 to not attend large events.

We will continue to stay in touch with you and all our members as necessary.

Finally, we are looking for two-way communication on this issue and want to hear from you about what information and resources you need to help prepare. We are also looking for information on how this is impacting you and your fellow businesses. Please share what you know. Please share what you need.

Sincerely,

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