

Good morning/afternoon/evening,

The KC Chamber thanks you for your determination and bipartisan cooperation in aiding the business community and workforce of greater Kansas City during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The KC Chamber applauds the Kansas Legislature for being diligent and focused in passing a budget and a long-term transportation improvement plan before adjournment. The KC Chamber stands ready to assist our state delegation with resources and information that will give you a better understanding of the COVID-19 impact and response in the community.

**The Chamber calls on the State Legislature** to assess the situation of the state's economy and workforce when it reconvenes and consider remedies to provide state resources to employers and provide relief to Kansas's thousands of working individuals who may have lost their jobs during this crisis and their families. Meanwhile, we also urge you to coordinate with Governor Laura Kelly and our federal delegation to ensure that Kansas receives its fair share of every federal dollar being allocated to help our local businesses, healthcare providers and citizens.

**The Chamber Can Help:**

- In collaboration with the Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) and the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City, we are conducting a **survey of nearly 4000 area businesses** to measure anticipated business interruption and immediate needs/concerns of these employers. The KC Chamber will share the results of this survey with our federal delegation next week.
- The KC Chamber is partnering with the United Way, Kansas City Community Foundation, Mid America Regional Council and KC LISC to help launch an Emergency Community Needs Fund to help support area nonprofits and lend support to individuals and service agencies in need during this precarious time. We will have more information on this special initiative as we move forward.