NEW! Addressing Employers Concerns Related to Child Care

Impacts on Employees

A community coalition has been created to address child-care needs for Douglas County. The coalition is currently focusing on the short-term needs as we face school re-openings in various formats district to district. It is important for the coalition to understand what parents/families need and are, therefore, asking for assistance in completing this <u>"CHILD CARE PULSE CHECK."</u>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey as your feedback is important to the coalition's next steps. Please share the survey link above with your clients, customers and employees throughout Douglas County, as this is a countywide endeavor. Please take the survey and share the survey as soon as possible. The survey closes on Thursday, September 3.

Statewide Face Mask, Covering, Shield Guidance for All Oregon Businesses, Sectors, Office Spaces and The Public

New and updated statewide mask, face covering and face shield guidelines were released last week by the state of Oregon. Guidelines require masks now in all indoor office spaces except when sitting at individual work stations or in individual offices, provided there is minimum six-foot distancing. Masks must be worn in hallways, bathrooms, elevators, lobbies, break rooms and other common spaces. Businesses are required to provide face coverings to employees and post signs around their property that masks are required for all who enter. **The guidelines went into effect on August 13, 2020**.

Learn more about the statewide **FACE COVERING MANDATES**.

Chamber Programs Update!

Monthly Membership Programs Go VIRTUAL! As public event guidelines are an ever-moving target, with a number of our member companies disallowing employee attendance of group events and in the interest of both safety and continuity, the chamber's fall membership meeting programs will be virtual. The chamber's annual timber and wood products industry update with Roseburg Forest Products CEO, Grady Mulbery will be Monday, September 14 (rather than the previously released, tentative date of August 17).

Season pass holders and those who already purchased tickets for this program, need to do nothing more. You are already registered for the September 14 program. Per "ticket" purchase access codes will be made available to you prior to September 14 and arrangements are currently in process to make sure you get lunch!

For those who have not yet registered, you now have a little extra time to do so. But, don't delay. Advanced registration is still required and the deadline to register is Friday, September 4 at 5:00 p.m. A one-time access code/link will be forwarded per registration prior to the September 14 program. <u>MAKE</u> <u>MY RESERVATION</u>

Project Leadership Roseburg . . . Oh, it's Happening! Just a little later than originally hoped. Again, due to a number of safety guidelines and restrictions currently in place and the uncertainty of potential future changes, the chamber is moving the start of the 32nd year of this distinguished leadership program to January 2021. Upon reviewing the number of changes that would need to be made to the curriculum and the number of businesses and organization our participants would NOT be able to tour

and/or experience, the decision was made to delay our start date. The only thing more important to chamber leadership than wanting to deliver a quality program is our responsibility to our participants, their employers and our community that Project Leadership Roseburg delivers what it promises and what it has over the past 31 years. Integrity is everything.

To those who have submitted applications for the program, you need to do nothing more. Your application is in. The changes to the program (other than starting in January) include ending in June (rather than May) and having two workshops in the month of April (second and fourth Thursdays). If you are still interested in being a Project Leadership participant, you're in and more information will follow in the coming months. To those potential participants who have emailed and called to say your application is ready but you're just waiting for the \$50 application fee check, please feel free to mail in your application without the fee. Since time now allows, we can bill you/your employer for the application fee.

The new deadline for submitting a Project Leadership participant application is Friday, November 6, 2020. Go to pages 7-10 of the chamber's July/August issue of *Business Perspectives*...just ignore the dates! **PROJECT LEADERSHIP**

Guides/Tools for Reopening Our Businesses

Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce



RACC's Business Resource Guide for Reopening.

If you haven't yet checked out the chamber's *Business Resource Guide for Reopening*, you should. The guide has great information and valuable tips and resources for our businesses reopening in Phases 1 and 2. As with everything these days, the guide is frequently updated as the chamber obtains more and clarified information.

US Chamber of Commerce

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center

As part of the Path Forward initiative, the U.S. Chamber unveiled its <u>Reopening Business Digital</u> <u>Resources Center</u> to equip America's business community with the latest state guidelines, sector-specific guidance, small business advice, and other tools and resources as we look to reopen safely and keep employees and customers healthy and informed.

Now, the resources center also includes a <u>customizable workplace flyer</u> to help our members communicate the steps your company is taking to keep them safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 to employees and customers.

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center Toolkit

In addition to the Reopening Business Digital Resources Center, and as you and your members face new questions and unprecedented new challenges, the U.S. Chamber has also created a comprehensive <u>toolkit</u> of key messages, example posts, and social media graphics for you to utilize while sharing the tools and resources with your local business communities and networks.

Chamber Notes & Updates

<u>September Membership Program Registration</u>. Be sure and check out the information/specifics about the chamber's September virtual membership meeting above. <u>MAKE MY RESERVATION</u>

Project Leadership Participants Graduate. If you missed last month's announcement of the graduation of the chamber's 2019-20 Project Leadership graduates and their community-benefit project, <u>check it</u> <u>out</u>.

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InUmpqua Publication. The chamber is still accepting advertising for its upcoming digital *InUmpqua* publication. The discounted rate sheet, agreement and other pertinent information is in the chamber's July/August 2020 issue of *Business Perspectives*.

NEW Information and Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic: <u>https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/</u>

Please continue to check back, as the chamber updates its resource information almost daily. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses are armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

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