Dear Stakeholders.

While the "new norm" is difficult for all of us and hard on our businesses, it is our hope that it will mean we keep our community safe and strong.

With Governor Walz ordering the temporary closure of restaurants, bars, coffee shops, breweries and other venues later today, we encourage you to consider alternative ways to support local businesses. It still allows businesses to continue take-out and delivery options, with many providing curb-side delivery.

If you are looking for other ways to support any of our local businesses, consider purchasing gift cards. What a great way to show your appreciation for health care workers, teachers, emergency responders or others!

These are challenging times. We are concerned for our businesses and their employees. If your employment has been affected by COVID-19 you can apply for unemployment benefits: www.uimn.org.

Please watch our website, <u>www.downtownduluth.com</u> or social media feeds for additional information, resources and updates.

The GDC remains steadfast in our commitment to Downtown Duluth and our local business community.