

Dear Stakeholders,

Our work and commitment remain steadfast in supporting you and our downtown business community.

We are all facing extraordinary challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that you share with us any changes in your operations, hours, etc. so that we may keep others updated on social media. As information continues to become available, we will share resources that may be helpful to you on our website (www.downtownduluth.com). Additionally, we are monitoring best practices from downtown organizations across the country.

Your health, safety and well-being are our first priority.

We know this situation continues to evolve. Commerce continues for now. Our local businesses remain open and they are taking extreme precautions. Restaurants are thoroughly disinfecting and sanitizing commonly touched surfaces. They are also ready to accommodate take-out and delivery requests.

Additionally, purchasing gift cards now from any of our businesses (whether it be retail, restaurant or entertainment) is a great way to show your support so you can visit them in the future.

We have met today with representatives of the Minnesota Department of Health and share their updated link to reflect the most recent CDC recommendations as well as other resources.

MN Department of Health:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/action.html>

FDA:

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions>

CDC:

<https://www.coronavirus.gov>

Please do not hesitate to reach out and share ideas on how we can best serve you during this time. Also, please notify us of any changes to your operations. We stand with you.

Kristi Stokes and the GDC Staff