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A look at COVID-19 and your community



The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce is currently compiling a list of our local business and the impact that this health pandemic has on their hours of operation, policies, and more. We will update this list as new information is available. Our staff is working as hard as possible with the resources we have, so if you do not see a business listed, please feel free to contact our office with any information you are able to provide and we would be happy to get them added.

You will also find a list of resources for you and your business. Please note, that we are not government experts, lawyers, or bankers; however, we will certainly do our best to connect you the vital resources that you need at this time. Thank you.

[Visit our Website](#)

Executive Director Letter

Dear Chamber Members,

I hope this weekly newsletter finds you well. We're a few weeks into staying at home and settling into a new routine. It's been a huge adjustment for many of us, as we are now working from home, attending meetings online, caring for and homeschooling children, and not traveling beyond the walls of our own homes (other than an occasional walk outside). It's a lot to deal with and it's okay to give yourself grace as you figure out how to navigate this new world.



For those of you that have had to temporarily close your doors, please head over to macombareachamber.com/coronavirus for a number of resources on available funding sources and information. I've been sending out individual emails to all of you as new information comes available, but if you missed those or cannot find them in your inbox, I put everything on our website. If you have any changes to your hours of operation or special operations (such as selling online, streaming, etc.) please let me know so I can update our business operations and hours listing.

Please remember that the Chamber office is not open to the public and that Shay and I are working remotely. You can contact me anytime at lauren@macombareachamber.com. If you need to purchase a gift certificate, please contact me and I can arrange a purchase. If you need to redeem gift certificates, please mail them to the Chamber and I will mail you a check. Otherwise, contact me and we can make other arrangements. Thinking of you all, but from afar. Stay safe, everyone!

Lauren Merritt
Executive Director
Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce

[Email Lauren](#)

Marketing Director Letter

Hello,

So honestly if you are like me, you're probably getting kind of tired of hearing the phrase "in these uncertain times." After the Shelter in Place mandate was extended another 30 days, you may be feeling pretty let down, a little angry, and a bit scared.

Much like it did after 9/11, the world just feels different, and our lives look different, and that requires us to all process it in our own ways. We don't know what's going to happen, we just know it often just doesn't feel good in our insides.

A lot of the uncertainty lies in the timeline. When can I go back to work? When will the schools reopen? When can I see my friends again?

While we don't have all the answers to the worldwide questions, you can take comfort in the fact that we at the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce are committed to being a source of information to you at the local and state level. We know how important your career, business, schools, and community are to you. We will be here with up-to-date information to help make it all a little less scary.

Find all the latest information on our website [here](#). To help keep you informed, we will now send a weekly newsletter each Monday with all the latest news that you need to share to as many people as possible. We invite you to submit your updates, flyers, resources, and more FREE of charge so that we can help you reach others and stay connected as you stay safe and stay inside. We invite you to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the latest news for you and your business.

We are a resilient community and we know you are still dedicated to your professions, so we are still sending email blasts, promoting our members on social media, and helping you to market your business in new and innovative ways.

Please send all content, questions or concerns to me via email and I will be happy to connect you with the resources you need as soon as I can. Thank you.

Be well and be well to others.

Shay Holland
Marketing Director



The City of Macomb

The City of Macomb is actively working with several local agencies and state authorities to provide the clearest and most up-to-date information for all citizens. To find a list of resources, visit their website.

City of Macomb has signed up as an agency for Nextdoor, an online resource to connect the community with information. Once the app is downloaded, you will receive notifications that pertain to your neighborhood and to the city itself. The link is below.



[City of Macomb](#)

[Nextdoor](#)

McDonough District Hospital

McDonough District Hospital is working with the McDonough County Health Department, McDonough County Emergency Services, and Disaster Agency during the COVID-19 crisis.

As of April 1, McDonough District Hospital has implemented a new visitor policy to ensure increased safety of staff and patients at this time.

For the latest updates and specifics, please view the MDH website below.



[MDH.org](#)

Business Assistance

Under the direction of Governor JB Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is working with partners to launch emergency assistance programs for Illinois small businesses. These initiatives include the Hospitality Emergency Grant Program, Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund, and Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program. For business assistance resources, please visit



[Illinois.gov](#)

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SBA • PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM



The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses with less than 500 employees (including sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed persons), private non-profit organizations or 501(c)(19) veterans organizations affected by coronavirus/COVID-19, to keep their workers on the payroll.

SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.

The Paycheck Protection Program will be available through June 30, 2020.

PARTICIPATING SBA LENDERS IN MCDONOUGH COUNTY

Citizens Bank... 309.833.4551

Farmers & Merchants State Bank... 309.772.2171

First Bankers Trust... 309.837.6664

Fortress Bank... 217.357.3112

Marine Bank... 309.833.1200

MidAmerica National Bank... 309.833.4111

United Community Bank... 309.837.9988

Woodforest National Bank... 309.837.1155

Don't see your lender listed? Call them first for more information!

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>

MAEDCO
MidAmerica Economic Development Commission

Small Business Administration

Western Illinois University

Western Illinois University is continuing to closely monitor the Coronavirus. This is an evolving situation, and updates are available from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including updated Travel Notices for countries with community transmission. The University's Pandemic Preparedness and Response Committee is following guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois



Department of Public Health (IDPH), and national, regional, and local medical providers. They have set up their own webpage, which is intended to provide information about COVID-19 and the University's response and actions. Visit the university website for more information.

WIU

Spoon River College

A Message from President Curt Oldfield

As we continue to deal with the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19), I want to remind everyone that the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and guests remains our primary concern. This is an unprecedented situation for the country, state, communities, and our college.



- As of March 23, Spoon River College will offer alternative instruction for the rest of the spring semester. Faculty will contact students about individual course instructional plans to complete the spring semester.
- Due to the shelter in place guidance from Governor J.B. Pritzker, Spoon River College will remain operational but closed to students and the public.

Please review our FAQs section for the latest updates. This FAQs section will be time and date stamped, so check back often.

SRC FAQ

Local Dining

To ensure that the community has access to our local restaurants offering delivery, carry out, and curbside pick up during this time, The City of Macomb Downtown Development Office is currently listing restaurant menus within the Macomb area on their Facebook page. We encourage you to eat local and #keepinmacomb, while also practicing social distancing appropriately. Please consider continuing to support our local restaurants and all local businesses in whatever way you can in the coming weeks and months.



All additional menu pictures can be sent to kterry@cityofmacomb.com

The City of Macomb is temporarily changing a liquor ordinance in the midst of the coronavirus outbreak. Macomb officials announced businesses can temporarily sell original packaged liquor through curbside pick-up, carry-out, delivery and drive-thru. This move comes while Illinois is under a stay-at-home order and restaurants and bars are not allowed to offer dine-in services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials said workers selling or delivering alcohol and customers must be at least 21 years old and provide photo ID for proof of age. The temporary measure will continue while dine-in services are shuttered in Illinois

Menus

Shape Your Future

Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community. Now more than ever, we need to be counted so that you and your community can continue to receive the resources you so critically need.



For more information, view this video from John Bannon, Community Development Coordinator for the City of Macomb.

Census Video

We all Count & Need to Be Counted

We may live in a part of the country that most people will never visit or even know about. But that doesn't mean we don't count. We all count. Do your part and complete the Census. Please see the following Tri-States Public Radio article for more information on the 2020 Census and how it impacts your community.



Tri-States

The Crossing (1600 W. Jackson Street, Macomb) will host a drive thru food pantry. There is no proof of need required. Simply pull your vehicle into the line by the church and someone will provide a pre-bundled bag of items for you to ensure your safety and health. Donations of non-perishable food items and diapers are being accepted by contacting the church.

The Crossing

A Message from Domino's

Domino's is still OPEN to serve you. Whether you want it delivered or you prefer to carry out from the store, we are still offering easy ways to get you delicious pizza...including a new safer way. Try our new contactless delivery option to help minimize contact for the protection of you and your local delivery experts. During this challenging time, Domino's remains dedicated to safely serving hot, made to order pizzas to the neighborhoods and communities we are a part of.

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SAFETY IS DOMINO'S #1 PRIORITY



SANITIZING

We're increasing our already frequent sanitation of food prep areas, door handles, Domino's hot bags, counters and more.



HANDWASHING PROCEDURES

Team members wash their hands after touching *any* surface, and delivery drivers wash their hands before and after *every* delivery run.



SAFE FOOD HANDLING

Your food is not touched after it's cooked in our 450° oven. Your pizza is removed using our pizza peel, then placed directly into your box.

Domino's Update

A Message from ALDI

Update for Customers Regarding Enhanced Safety Measures

As we navigate the changes brought about by the spread of COVID-19, we want you to know that, above all else, we remain committed to the safety and well-being of our employees and customers.

Over the past several weeks, we've intensified cleaning practices in all our facilities and have issued health and safety guidance for our employees and customers to follow within our stores. To support our team members, we've put in place temporary wage increases, increased scheduling flexibility and made changes to our store hours. In addition, we've significantly increased our hiring efforts and have donated \$1 million to community organizations to support those in need.

As we work to keep our stores clean and stocked, we've made a number of changes to further promote health and safety. Below is an update on several new measures we are implementing:

- Personal protective equipment: Although the CDC does not require our team to use gloves or masks, we are actively sourcing personal protective equipment for our employees to use, upon request. Disposable gloves have begun deploying this week and over the next week we will start to ship masks, as supplies permit.
- Social distancing signage: Across the country, we have been installing signage and floor decals in our stores to remind our employees and customers to maintain a safe distance – at least 6 feet – from one another.
- Protective barriers at checkout: Temporary check lane panels started rolling out to stores this week.
- Cart cleanliness and safety:
- Cart cleaning procedures: To enhance our already robust cleaning measures, we are increasing the frequency of cart cleaning throughout the day.
- Discontinuing cart-to-cart transfers: Effective immediately, we're suspending the practice of placing customers' scanned items into a different shopping cart at checkout. Our customers will now keep the cart they started with throughout their entire visit to ensure the best possible hygiene and safety for all.



Please continue to follow guidance from the CDC, which advises to clean your hands often, practice social distancing, cover coughs and sneezes, and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. As a reminder, we are also reserving time for vulnerable shoppers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30. Your safety remains our highest priority. Rest assured that ALDI stores will remain open to meet your grocery needs. Thank you for your continued support.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF
OUR CLIENTS AND
EMPLOYEES**

**OUR LOBBY
IS CLOSED**

We are offering curbside pickup.
Please call or knock on the door
and we will receive or give you
your order. We are also offering
delivery for this time also.

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after hours 309-294-3433

email- macomb@allegrapekin.com


OFFICE HOURS

MON-FRI

8:00AM to 2:00PM

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To celebrate Key Realtors' 40th, we want to give back to the community. The next 4 Wednesdays in April, we're giving away \$40 Macomb Chamber of Commerce gift certificates on Facebook! Here is your chance to win – like our post, comment and share. That's all there is to it! Winners will be contacted directly through FB Messenger for the next four Wednesdays: April 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th! Keep sharing!



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