



Business Flexibility Ideas

Yesterday, March 24, Governor Pete Ricketts hosted a Facebook Live event to discuss ideas on flexibly continuing business operations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. He was joined by Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) Director Tony Goins; Natalie Micale, Owner of Oh Hello! ad agency; and Todd Duncan, Chairman of Duncan Aviation.

Watch the full Facebook Live video here: <https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-ricketts-encourages-business-flexibility-during-covid-19-emergency>

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Offer drive-up service to customers

- Restaurants and bars have moved to takeout, curbside pickup, or drive-thru service.
- Traditional sit-down restaurants are adding phone lines to handle calls for delivery/pickup orders.
- Local retailers are posting items for sale online, and then readying orders for curbside pickup.
- Veterinary clinics have begun to offer stay-in-car services. They will come get the pet from a vehicle, take the pet inside for a checkup, and then deliver the pet back to the vehicle after the exam.
- Photography stores are offering online sales and giving customers the option to pick up curbside.
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Deliver to customers

- Traditional sit-down restaurant establishments and bars are delivering orders.
- Consider how you can deliver your product to your customer. Even cigar lounges are delivering cigars to customers.
- Fitness centers are offering virtual classes. YMCA has classes available on a YouTube channel. Other gyms are offering free classes on demand.
- Gyms are sending instructors to provide in-home classes to groups of 10 or less.

Modify normal day-to-day operations

- Businesses are meeting virtually via teleconference or videoconference.
- Food processing plants are taking temperatures of all workers at the door to ensure the health of their teammates at the worksite.
- Large stores have marked off where customers should stand while waiting to checkout. This helps to maintain the recommended social distance between customers.
- Medical clinics are having patients check in from the parking lot and wait in their vehicles for their appointment. This prevents patients from being bunched together in a waiting room.
- Fitness centers are spreading out their equipment to allow up to 10 customers to work out at once.
- Manufacturers are rearranging workspaces to space out their teammates during the pandemic.
- Restaurants are offering gift cards with more value than the purchase price, while specifying that the cards must be used at a later date. For instance, they're selling \$75 gift cards for only \$50, provided that the cards are used after June 1, 2020. This is helping their cash flow during the pandemic.

As a reminder, Nebraska Tourism is continuing to add information to the Coronavirus Information webpage at <https://visitnebraska.com/coronavirus-information>