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## Letter to the Kitsap Community -

All of your local Chambers of Commerce here in Kitsap County, representing thousands of local businesses in Port Orchard, Bremerton, Silverdale, Poulsbo, Kingston and Bainbridge Island, want to thank our elected officials and the many others who came together to make the decision to begin reopening Kitsap for business.

Local business owners are eager to reopen their doors safely to their loyal customers and community as we move into Phase Two of Governor Inslee's Safe Start Plan. Now that Kitsap County has published its [Recovery Playbook](#), our local Chambers of Commerce can release their Kitsap [Back to Business Toolkit](#). This toolkit has been specifically designed for Kitsap businesses. It includes all the information, tools, and resources our local businesses need in order to safely move into Phase Two, including signage for their storefronts and digital communications. Our local Chambers will also continue to provide telephone and electronic support and will now be able to assist more directly, responding to the particular needs of each business.

The Kitsap Small Business Response Fund is a partnership between Kitsap Community Foundation and all six local Chambers of Commerce. The Fund is a way for the community to show its support of our local businesses through support received through their local Chambers of Commerce. Donors will be acknowledged publicly for their support.

The role of your local Chambers of Commerce as advocates for local businesses has never been more important. It is imperative that we all make the success and revival of our local businesses a priority. Your local Chamber of Commerce will continue to speak out on behalf of local businesses and work with our local government agencies to manage relief efforts and ensure consistent messaging to local businesses and the community. We stand ready to assist ALL local businesses, regardless of their Chamber membership, in order for our entire community to safely move into Phase Two.

On behalf of your local Chambers and the thousands of local businesses we represent, thank you for your support over these past few months. The crisis has not ended. It is merely moving into the next stage. Please continue your support by making your tax-deductible contribution to the Kitsap Small Business Response Fund at the Kitsap Community Foundation.

To learn more about the Kitsap Small Business Response Fund, contact your local Chamber of Commerce or go to [Kitsap Small Business Response Fund](#). To access the Toolkit, visit [www.kitsapcovid19.com](http://www.kitsapcovid19.com).

## We can do this, Kitsap!

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