

How to Support Local Businesses

Here are a few things you can do right now to support our business community:

Order takeout or delivery

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there is currently “[no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food.](#)” Though experts continue to encourage social distancing, if you are currently in good health, not in a high-risk group, and comfortable maintaining a safe social distance outside of your house, decide if it makes sense to pick up from your favorite restaurant or order delivery. Check business websites or call to confirm if a business is open and their hours of operation.

Avoid the supermarket panic and shop local

- Pay a visit to independently owned shops and markets for items you need at home.

Buy gift cards

- Purchasing a gift card to your favorite store, theater or restaurant is an immediate way to put cash into a business.

Shop local businesses online

- Consider buying items from your favorite retailer or small business online. Many small merchants sell shirts, hats and other merchandise.

Sign up for future classes and events

- Sign up for classes or events at your favorite place of business. Planning activities a few months out will support business and give you something fun to look forward to.

Be patient and say “Thank You”

- When you do go to the store to buy what you need, be sure to say thanks to the employees who are hard at work stocking shelves.