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## ***Press Release***

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **GRCA supports County Commissioners "Stop the Spread" Campaign**

**Reading, PA** – The Board of Berks County Commissioners today announced their “Stop the Spread” campaign. The Greater Reading Chamber Alliance (GRCA) and our members applaud Commissioners Leinbach, Barnhardt and Rivera for their tireless efforts to promote COVID-19-related health and safety practices among the Berks business community. Our member businesses, large and small, have been working together and sharing vital information and practices to safeguard employees and keep the portions of our life-sustaining economy running for our community and beyond.

Further, we thank them for their leadership in advocating for the development of sound, statewide policies that would directly connect employers' use of proper workplace health standards with their ability to return to normal business operations. To buttress their efforts, GRCA has established a resource page free to businesses and citizens to access for the most current information available. We have been offering webinars on issues on the many governmental programs that have been rolled out, advocating for businesses to receive waivers from the Wolf Administration, and facilitating sharing of best management practices between our members and affiliates. We will continue these efforts to the benefit of our entire community as we all navigate this threat.

As the COVID-19 crisis continues, we encourage business owners and employees to use the following resources:

**Berks County Commissioners Task Force:** [co.berks.pa.us/Dept/DES/Pages/Corona-Virus.aspx](http://co.berks.pa.us/Dept/DES/Pages/Corona-Virus.aspx)

**Greater Reading Chamber Alliance:** [greaterreading.org/a-letter-from-greater-reading-chamber-of-commerce/](http://greaterreading.org/a-letter-from-greater-reading-chamber-of-commerce/)

**CDC Guidance for Essential Workers:** [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html)  
[implementing-safety-practices.html](http://implementing-safety-practices.html)

**PA Chamber:** [pachamber.org/coronavirus/](http://pachamber.org/coronavirus/)

**US Chamber:** [uschamber.com/co/](http://uschamber.com/co/)

**National Association of Manufacturers:** [nam.org/coronavirus/](http://nam.org/coronavirus/)

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