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Greater Dubuque Development Postpones Events and Changes Meeting Protocols in Response to COVID-19

No matter how serious or overblown we might think the Coronavirus pandemic is, if we all take reasonable precautions we can minimize the impact COVID-19 has in our community. It is important that we all practice Social Distancing wherever it makes sense. Social Distancing is a proactive measure to restrict when and where people gather in order to slow the spread of an infectious disease.

Working with our partners in the City, County and Business Community, we have been monitoring the information surrounding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. As circumstances continue to rapidly change, our priority is the health and safety of our staff and community. Using an abundance of caution, it has been decided to continue our most important work while also taking action to do what we can to limit the spread of COVID-19. We will achieve this through the use of social distancing measures. Greater Dubuque Development's office will remain open, but the following actions are being taken.

Effective, Monday, March 16th, Greater Dubuque Development is postponing in person meetings through May 1, 2020. This includes the postponement of:

- Distinctively Dubuque, March 18th – April 15th
- Students of Color Career Luncheon, March 24th
- Career Services Visit, April 30th and May 1st
- Spring Workforce Breakfast, May 1st
- Community Newcomer Tours

Announcements on rescheduling or cancellations of any other events will be made at a later date as more information becomes available.

Other meetings will be conducted by telephone or teleconference as circumstances dictate. This includes InfoAction and HR Action visits with our employer partners. Greater Dubuque Development staff will also limit in-person attendance to external meetings and will participate by telephone or teleconference when possible. The use of the Greater Dubuque Development Boardroom by outside groups will also be discontinued through this time.

As the situation develops, we will adjust our strategy and continue to inform our partners and the community.

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