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Mobile Area Chamber Releases Member Survey Results

- Business owners and managers say PPE, disinfecting the workplace, health of workers, and human resource and legal guidance are top concerns
- Chamber releases survey results (attached) and two key resources
- Chamber President & CEO responds to Gov. Ivey's plan to reopen the economy

[Mobile, Ala. | 04.28.2020] "It's always interesting to me when survey responses mirror what we are hearing on the streets," said Mobile Area Board Chairman and Market President of BancorpSouth Terry Harbin.

Harbin along with Chamber President & CEO Bill Sisson today discussed the results of a recent survey sent to the Chamber members during the organization's on-going conference calls to link community experts with the business community.

The call was held just prior to Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey's announcement on how to reopen the state.

"Our members are overwhelmingly telling us they are ready to open," said Sisson. "We must get the economy open again. Individual businesses must take responsibility to provide a clean and safe workplace for their employees and their customers, following closely the guidelines released by Gov. Ivey during the various phases of back-to-work."

Sisson challenged the community to continue its support for local restaurants and bars during this time as well, as they were not included in the current "Safer at Home" order, beginning April 30 at 5 p.m. "I would strongly encourage people to still use curbside service and patronize our members as much as possible over the next few weeks."

When the time does come for each business to open, area owners and managers gave their input in a survey on what they thought was needed to restart Mobile's economy.

Sisson also highlighted two Chamber-created documents published in response to the survey to help businesses prepare for reopening. One is a listing of local vendors with PPEs available for purchase, and the other is a resource guide providing information on cleaning and sanitizing offices and maintaining the good health of workers. These can be downloaded at <https://mobilechamber.com/covid19-resources/news-and-updates/>.

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About the Mobile Area Chamber

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with 1,900 members that employ 98,255 people, and the economic developer for the City of Mobile and Mobile County. We represent business interests of the Mobile region, advocating for business-friendly legislative policies and serve as a resource for small businesses and area entrepreneurs. Additional information is on the Chamber's website at mobilechamber.com, Facebook @MobileChamber, Twitter and YouTube at @MobileChamber, Instagram @Mobile_Area_Chamber and LinkedIn @Mobile Area Chamber.