



## Support our Businesses and their Employees

All of our Scarborough-based organizations want to support our local businesses.

Scarborough Buy local is publishing a list of businesses able to provide delivery, take out and curbside resources to consumers. Go to <https://scarboroughbuylocal.com> to find the details.

We also have The BUS ([Business Update Scarborough](#)) facebook page. Anyone can send us updates to their business hours, services and other news and we put the info on the facebook page. If you have info on your facebook page, just let us know and we will grab it and share it on the BUS.

The Portland Regional Chamber also had some great suggestions for individuals to support their local businesses. We've added to it:

- Utilize take out and curbside to-go.
- Buy gift cards (many businesses have gift cards available on their websites) and class-passes (for yoga studios/gyms) to help small-business owners to continue to pay their employees and contractors while shut down temporarily.
- Purchase your bulk orders now. See if the business offers curbside pickup or delivery.
- Purchase merchandise from your favorite retailers, breweries, restaurants, etc like shirts, hats, books, signs, etc. from their websites and have it shipped to you.
- Support your local non-profits by donating now.
- Donate some of the gift cards that you are purchasing to Project GRACE and other local non-profits. They may be able to use them for fundraising either online or at a later event.
- Companies looking to reward frontline employees could buy gift cards or meals from local restaurants.
- And don't forget the power of your words. A simple thank-you to the police officer, the fire fighter, the grocery employee or dog groomer is always in order. Use your words, not hugs!

If you have more ideas of how everyone can support local businesses, send the ideas to us at [hello@sedcomaine.com](mailto:hello@sedcomaine.com).