

## **The Somerset County Chamber announces the return of the annual MEGA SHOW Business Expo for 2021:**

The annual business expo returns on March 26-28, after a 1-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. With declining COVID numbers, increasing numbers of vaccinations and warmer weather ahead, we feel that we can operate a safe show for 2021. However, we will be abiding by all the COVID guidelines to assure a safe and welcoming event for both vendors and shoppers. These guidelines include:

- **Digital thermometers located at the entrance**
- **Hands free sanitation stations located throughout the event area**
- **Request that all vendors and shoppers wear masks (masks will be available for those who don't have one)**
- **One-way signage on the floors to promote an easy and safe flow**
- **Food service provided by food trucks in the parking lot**
- **Separate entrance and exit**
- **Staff monitoring the number of people in the building to assure proper numbers**
- **Constant sanitation of restrooms and common areas**
- **Booths set up to maintain proper distances**
- **Extended hours to help spread out the flow of shoppers (Opening Friday at 2:00 PM)**

Our local businesses suffered greatly through 2020 and as we move into a new year, it is extremely important that we do whatever we can to get them back to the levels we experienced prior to 2020. Small businesses employ over 85% of the working population, so this past year affected all of us with the shutdowns and other issues relevant to the pandemic.