

These are some ways you can support local businesses:

- **Stay healthy by staying home!** Most importantly, we urge everyone to stay home as much as possible and follow social distancing and health guidelines if you do go out. Not only are you protecting the health of you and your family, but your fellow community members and the employees at your favorite businesses.
- **Buy a gift card:** Plan your next night out or stock up on gifts! Buy a gift certificate from your favorite local shop, theater, restaurant or service provider to gift to a loved one, or treat yourself later.
- **Buy local online:** If your favorite restaurant, store or service provider offers online ordering or other virtual ways to support them, choose them over giant e-retailers. Reach out to see if you can buy from your favorite store now to pick up later.
- **Get social:** Follow your favorite local spots on Facebook and Instagram for frequent updates on their health & safety practices, schedule, and events & specials.
- **Support their fundraisers:** Many businesses are raising money by asking for donations to fundraisers for their staff and for their business to stay afloat.
- **Take virtual classes:** If your favorite gym or art or music school is offering virtual classes, sign yourself or your family up for some fun, enriching activities while staying home.
- **Keep your memberships:** If you have a membership for a gym, music or art classes or other activities, if you are able to do so, consider keeping your membership even if you can't be there in person.
- **Show some love on social:** Give your favorite business a positive review on Yelp, Facebook or Google Reviews to lift spirits and their online presence during this time.
- **Don't be afraid to reach out:** If you're a regular somewhere, stop in, give a call or send an email asking how you can be supportive.
- **When ordering takeout or delivery, pay it forward:** Order from your favorite restaurants to help keep them afloat, and tip generously to support their employees—every little bit helps during this tough time!

