COVID-19 Statement 3/16/2020

As we navigate the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, KCP remains open and active in meeting our mission through the work of our staff, volunteers, and various committees.

*Our office remains open from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; however, if you meet any of the risk factors: traveled to areas with sustained community transmission, or have been in close contact with anyone with acute respiratory illness symptoms, we ask that you do not enter the office. Please feel free to call or email instead. If our office must close, we will let the community know.

*We are postponing the “Pee Wee Herman” event scheduled for March 28, and we are cancelling the Block Party Scheduled for April 26. This is due to new CDC Nationwide Guidance, on 3/15/2020, that for the next eight weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States. Vendor fees already paid will be returned. *(Vendors, look for a separate email communication regarding your refund).*

*The Block Party is one of the major events that supports the work of KCP. If anyone would like to donate to KCP in an effort to help us recover from this shortfall for two years in a row, any size donation is appreciated and is also tax deductible. Donations can be sent to 306 W. Main Street, Kutztown, PA 19530. **Kutztown Community Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

*To not put our volunteers at risk, KuBok will not be patrolling for St. Patrick’s Day or the unofficial/unsanctioned Kutzpatty’s Day. If you would like to volunteer for KuBok in the future, please email us at KCP@hometownu.com.

Please support your local small businesses as you are able.

Our community businesses need to know that we are here for them; not just as the Kutztown Community Partnership, but as customers and friends. You may not want to dine out, at the moment, but perhaps you could order take-out; purchase a gift certificate online or over the phone to use later at your favorite café, pub or retail establishment; or pre-purchase future birthday or holiday gifts now, in anticipation of a later need – whatever you can do to minimize this hardship.

We are thankful for our community and we are committed to be there “to help you make your town a better place.”

Resource information:

DCED offers working capital loans that could be of assistance to businesses impacted by COVID-19. Resources and information will be posted to [http://dced.pa.gov/resources](http://dced.pa.gov/resources) as they become available. The **U.S. Small Business Administration**, in addition to local funding partners, may also be a source of assistance for affected businesses.