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**AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES,
QUEENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAUNCHES QUEENSBEST.ORG, WITH FOCUS ON
RESTAURANTS OPEN FOR TAKEOUT & DELIVERY**

New website promotes local restaurants, organized by neighborhood, that are offering delivery and takeout during coronavirus outbreak

QUEENS, NY, March 20, 2020 —In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, that has had a devastating impact on small businesses -- particularly those in the food and beverage sector -- the Queens Chamber of Commerce is doing its part to support local restaurants and help Queens residents find quality delivery and takeout options, with the launch of QueensBest.org. The website allows users to see what restaurants in their neighborhood are offering delivery and takeout service during the coronavirus outbreak. Participating restaurants were identified by several Queens-based Business Improvement Districts, including the Sunnyside BID, the Jamaica Center BID, the Flushing BID, the Bayside BID, and the Long Island City Partnership.

"In these uncertain times, it is so important to do whatever we can to support small businesses. Queens has the most vibrant restaurant scene in the world, and we don't yet know the true extent to which the coronavirus outbreak will impact them. What we do know is that you can continue to support small businesses and enjoy a great meal in the comfort of your home by ordering takeout or delivery. QueensBest.org will make it easy for you to find the best food that our borough has to offer, and support our hard-working neighbors during a challenging time," said **Thomas J. Grech**, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

"There are many great things about Queens, but the cuisine is probably the best. We are blessed with so many diverse, high-quality, and authentic dining options that make our borough unique," said Queens Tourism Council Director **Rob MacKay**. "This publication is fantastic. It provides tremendous information at a time when people need to dine out and restaurants need the business. Yet again, the Queens Chamber of Commerce deserves much respect for taking on this initiative."

The restaurants listed on the website will be updated regularly. You can access the online guide by going to QueensBest.org or by scanning the QR code below on your mobile device.



In addition to the Guide, the Queens Chamber has also launched a [new page](#) on their website to keep local businesses updated on all business-related coronavirus news, and see what resources are available to help them get through the outbreak.

“Queens is the most hard-working, vibrant, diverse county in America,” Grech added. “Together—as a community—I am certain we will overcome this challenge.”

About the Queens Chamber of Commerce:

The Queens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest business association in Queens, representing more than 1,150 businesses and more than 100,000 Queens-based employees. Its mission is to foster connections, educate for success, develop/implement programs and advocate for members’ interests.

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