

Message from the President



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In a crisis, some issues grab a greater share of the spotlight than others. As we have learned by now, health and wellness take on an elevated level of concern during a worldwide pandemic. For State Chamber members, the last few months have been particularly challenging. Some businesses have closed, others have slowed, then gradually picked back up, while still

others never skipped a beat. Some employees were able to work remotely, and many are still doing just that.

However, as I write this, we have over 120,000 Delawareans that are out of work and looking for a new opportunity. The time off, for some, was a welcome break and afforded time to reconnect with others, take on a home remodeling or maintenance project, but after a while, funds begin to run low, nerves get tested and worry sets in.

Our health care industry has risen to the occasion and done remarkable things. The sacrifices were many and we appreciate every bit of their hard work. While COVID-19 hospitalizations are low, new health and wellness challenges have emerged.

Human nature is to socialize. Yet we have fewer options today than we had months ago. We remain uncertain about how much of what is gone will come back. All of this created pressures that most of us have never experienced, and moved wellness into a spotlight like I have never seen in my lifetime.

Today, employers might look at wellness differently than they did before. I know I am. The good news is that providers and tools are abundant. Many of our members offer terrific options for you and your colleagues.

Wellness means a lot of different things to people. But one thing we can agree on is that it matters maybe now more than ever.



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