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Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to how the current mandates have affected my businesses.

Phase IV implementation: Closure of inside seating and services at bars and restaurants.

The Shameless Chocoholic is not a bar or restaurant but it has most definitely been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. We are surrounded by bars and restaurants that bring people downtown. As soon as a whisper came out about the closures our customers stopped coming in.

We have been struggling since April to keep customers shopping. We have had to change our strategies to accommodate curbside pick up, delivery and shipping when the weather permitted it. I've had to lay off many of my employees and go down to a skeleton crew.

We are currently seeing 50% of our normal retail business and with the holiday season looming I am very concerned, not only about sales but that I will not be able to keep covering payroll for my employees this winter season.

Our Christmas season is what keeps us running through the winter months and without the income, I am afraid I may not be able to cover my expenses. The loss of the Holiday Hop this year hurt!

We are and have been taking the proper precautions, social distancing customers and employees, masks are required, hand sanitization stations are outside the door for use before entering our establishment.

Unfortunately with no mandates in Iowa many people are not crossing the bridge to shop downtown Moline.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Burns