To our valued US Lavender Growers Association members,

We know how much people across the globe love lavender, and we understand the blood, sweat and tears our Grower members pour into their farms. So, when situations such as the Covid-19 pandemic bring uncertainty to the world as we know it, we want to provide you with support in any way we can.

We, like all of you, have been closely monitoring the developments regarding Covid-19. The situation continues to evolve rapidly, and we are all in agreement that it is serious on all fronts. How will this affect us medically? Economically? Globally? What does this mean for the future of our lavender farms and farmers?

It is during challenging times such as these that staying connected (virtually) is necessary, now perhaps more than ever. As always, our Grower members are invited to join the "USLGA Members Group" Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/250248228588294/</u>) and the corresponding Facebook group for their region, where they can reach out to each other and share ideas, concerns, and words of support with each other. It is time to start thinking outside the box, as events are being cancelled and no one can say for sure when this will all let up. Let's share ideas on how we can come together as a unique community of lavender growers to maintain our businesses, and perhaps even find ways in which we can help out folks in our own communities.

We strongly encourage all USGLA members and their families to stay safe by taking the same precautions against COVID-19 that are used to combat the common cold and flu viruses. Please refer to the following CDC information and guidelines:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html

Please do your part to keep yourselves and others safe and healthy and let's all remember that this will soon pass.

We hope to see you all on Facebook, and here's to better times ahead!

Kind Regards,

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