

# Coronavirus and the Floral Industry: Planning, Prep and Best Practices

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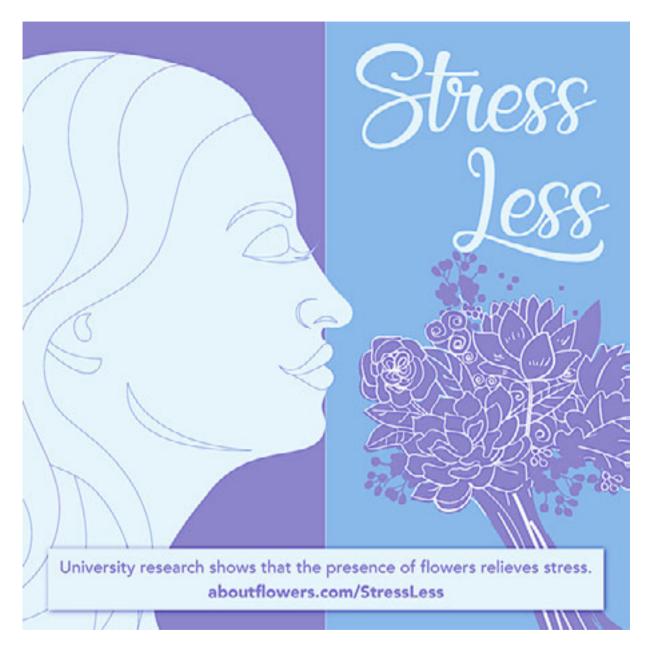
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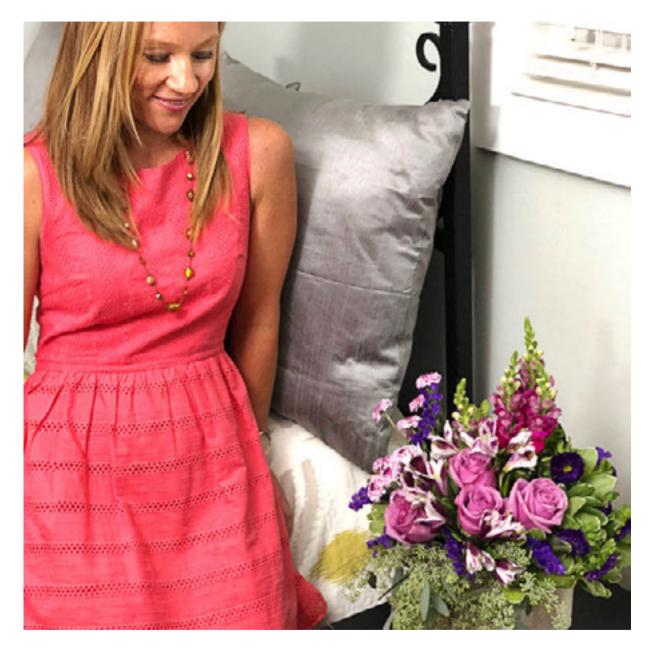


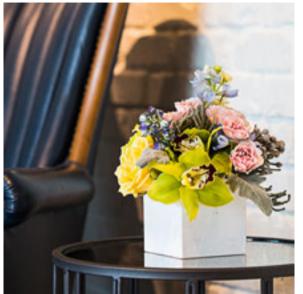
















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Specific steps we have taken to protect our staff and customers:

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- Disinfecting delivery vehicles at the end of each route.
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The positive effects of flowers on emotional and mental well being are critically important. Flowers and plants will continue to play an integral role in our community during these challenging times. Whether you are expressing love, concern, celebration, friendship, empathy or sympathy, we will be here to exceed your expectations.

Wishing you peace and good health,

Chris Drummond, AAF, PFCI President









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## SAF's sample social media messages



#### March 2020: Feeling stressed? Try flowers.

Recent world events have plenty of consumers on edge. Remind them that flowers have been scientifically proven to reduce stress and feelings of anxiety with a timely post and links to your top spring products and services. See examples below!



A delivery of flowers is not only a safe way to connect with loved ones, but also a great way to boost someone's energy and reduce anxiety, according to research from Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Suggested visuals: Photo of one of your colorful spring designs, or a similar graphic from the WordSwag app. You can also access design photos for your use on SAF's Flickr page.



#### Chill Life, With Flowers

Slow news week, huh? Take a break from current events with the timeless beauty of flowers. Our team is ready to help you with a design that brings a little peace into your space — or the space of someone you love!

Suggested visuals: Download a still life flower photo from royalty-free site UnSplash. Or a similar graphic from the WordSwag app



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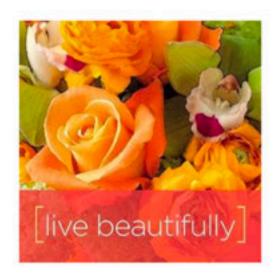
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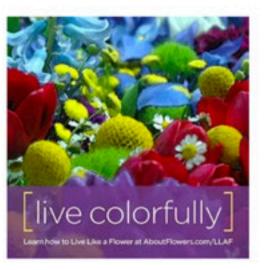












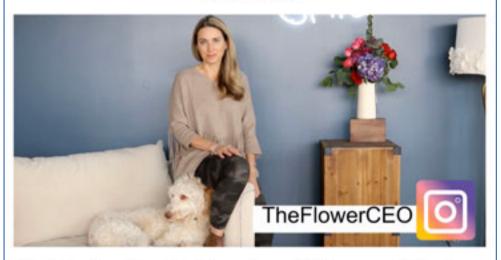
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written by Liza Roeser



During this time of uncertainty, anxiety and stress can take over. At FiftyFlowers we are striving to reduce chaos, initiate contagious creativity and support you during this time. Flowers are scientifically proven to being joy and can reduce stress significantly, which is why we will continue to do what we do best, and that's providing fresh, flowers straight from the farm to your doorstep.

It's important to keep your mind at ease and busy during a time where it's best to avoid large gatherings, which is why I'd love to share fun and interactive flower projects. We are working towards creating new flower packs with DIY projects that you can enjoy with your family or on your own. Stay tuned!





As social distancing keeps us apart, flowers are a safe and joyful way to connect!

We know that caring for yourself and your loved ones are your most important concerns right now. Should you not feel comfortable visiting our store in person we understand and are always happy to assist you over the phone at 214.324.2481 or via our website at www.mcshanflorist.com.

Thank you for being our customer. We wish you and yours continued good health!





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Don't wait for the calls or orders
to come in





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