## **How You Can Help Those Affected by Winter Storms**

The winter storm that swept through our country and affected millions of Americans is heartbreaking—especially as we continue to grapple with a global pandemic and an economic crisis. During times of crisis, businesses rise to the occasion.

## How you can help:

- The U.S. Chamber Foundation has a <u>resource center</u> with information on which non-profits are engaged in the response in their areas, and how businesses can contact them to help.
- If your company is looking for additional ways to support effected communities, contact Brooks Nelson.

## The Same, Tested Methods Will Work Against New COVID-19 Variants



In this week's *Path Forward*, a U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation event series, Chamber

President and CEO-Elect Suzanne Clark joined public health experts to <u>discuss coronavirus</u> <u>mutations</u> that are raising concerns about our ability to fight back against the disease.

## **Key takeaways:**

- "Each time the virus goes through a human body it has an opportunity to make a mistake in its genome [mutate]. So, driving down the burden of disease is absolutely a top priority," said Dr. Sharon Peacock of the COVID-19 Genomics U.K. Consortium. "And that comes in two flavors: one is vaccinating people...but the second, really, is back to the behaviors we adopt to avoid spreading the virus."
- "All of the public health interventions that are currently recommended will also work with these new variants. This includes wearing face masks, hand hygiene, physical distancing—even some of the limits on gatherings as well," explained Dr. Jonathan Li of Harvard Medical School. "These [new] variants do appear to be more transmissible. It also means we need to do an even better job of adhering to some of these guidelines."

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