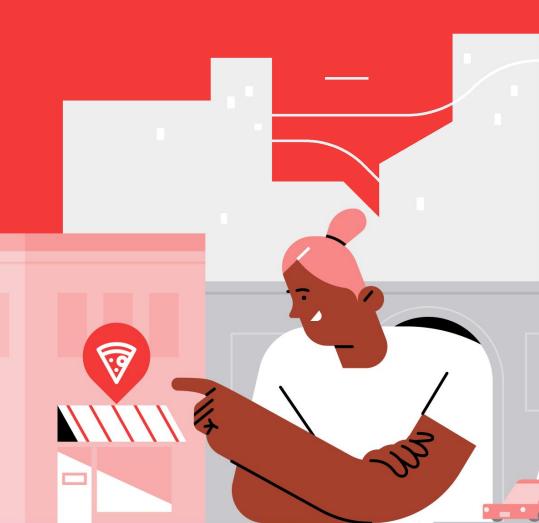


# Yelp 101 + Connect







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## Agenda

### Consumer behavior

Consumer trends

Purchase intentions

### Leveraging Yelp's free tools

Claiming your Yelp page Updating and optimizing

### • Communicating during COVID-19

How to build consumer trust

The art of staying top of mind for consumers

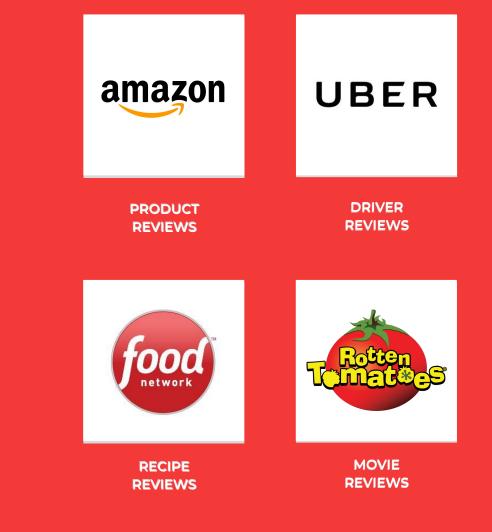
### • Yelp Connect

Take advantage of paid features like Yelp Connect to help you express what's most important for your business

The way consumers search for products, services and experiences changes as technology evolves.



## Reviews influence decisions



### How do people make buying decisions?

**97%** Read online reviews for businesses

**85%** Trust online reviews as much as

personal recommendations

73%

Say positive **reviews** make them trust an online business more

## Online intentions

**f** I want to Connect

- **I** want to Engage
- G+ I want to Learn
- I want to Buy





# Leveraging Yelp's free tools



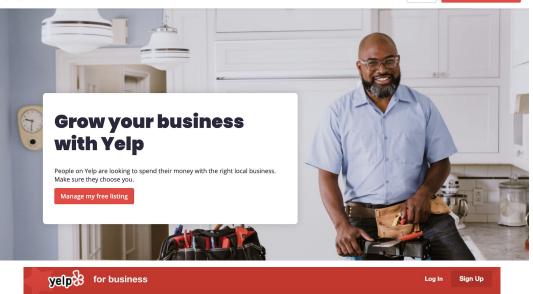




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Log In

Manage my free listing





### Let's look up your business

Your business may already be on Yelp. If it isn't, you may add it.

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#### **Business Name**

Mel's Diner

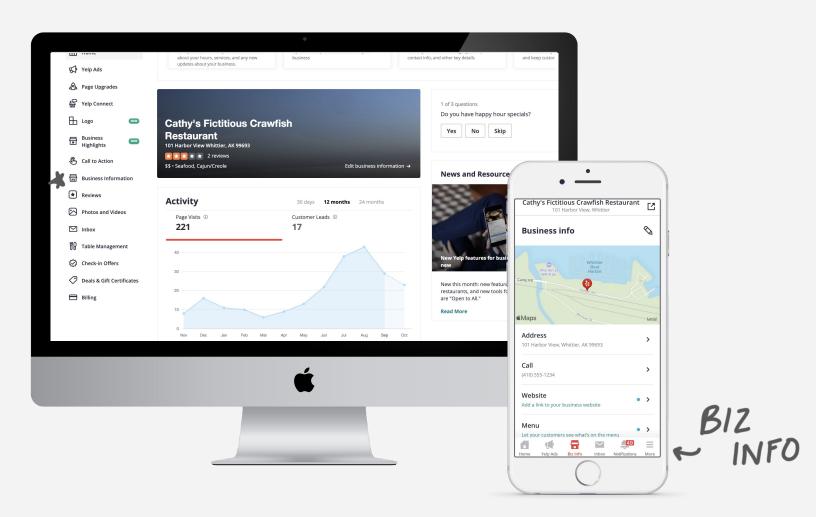
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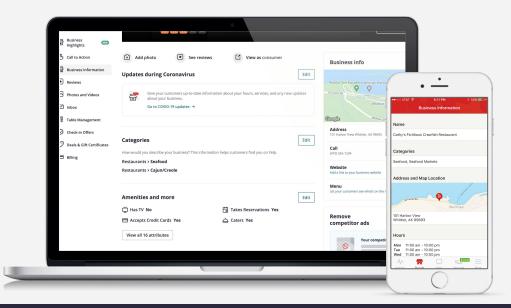
# Update your business information

Business pages with complete profiles see 4X more user views and 5X more customer leads per month.



BIZ

## REFRESH YOUR BASIC INFO





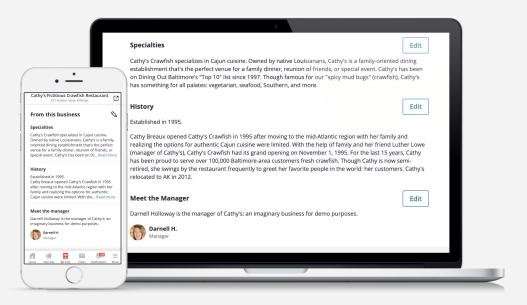
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Business Highlights	Saturday	11:00 ; • 12:00 ; •	Closed	Tuesday mark temporarily dosed. Wednesday 11:00AM - 10: Thursday 11:00AM - 10:
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OPEN/CLOSED TEMP CLOSED PERM CLOSED SPECIAL HOURS

#### Yelp Tools

# FURTHER INFO



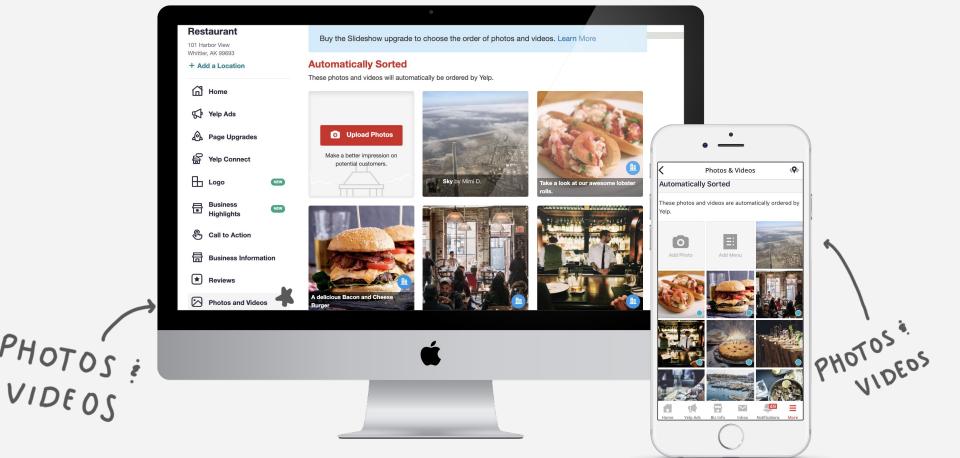
SPECIALTIES HISTORY MEET THE OWNER

# **Upload photos**

Business pages with 10 or more photos see 12X more customer leads per month.

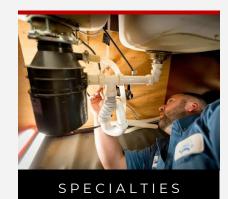


# PHOTOS /











DETAILS





OWNER

## Reviews

53% of consumers expect to receive a review response and businesses that respond see a 10% upgrade in star rating on Yelp.

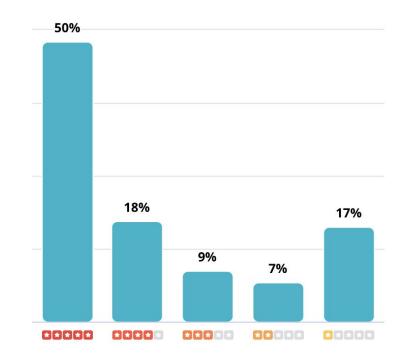


Almost 80% of Yelp reviews are neutral to positive.

There are more 5 star reviews on Yelp than 1, 2 and 3 star reviews combined together.

This shows us that people *want* to have a positive experience.

### **Star Rating Distribution**



Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

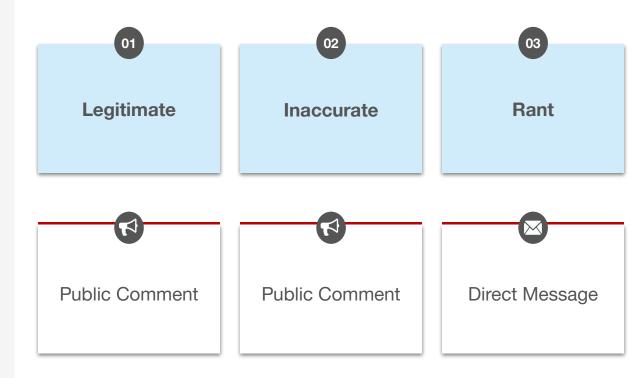
DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Respond to positive reviews.



DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Respond to critical reviews.



# Amplify the positivity.

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Mikelle E. Mikell

tastes like MORE. Both of these cupcakes were soft and moist, I imagine it is what clouds taste like! I think I'll have just one more... #Mutha.Forkin.Good!

#Tollow The Joy



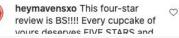
thecupcakecollection • Follow Nashville, Tennessee



thecupcakecollection Eat, Enjoy & Repeat! We're open from 11-3 today in Germantown. See you soon!

#followthejoy #soyamgood #bestcupcakes #sweetpotato #tcc #nolafood #nolafoodie #nashvillefood #nashvillefoodie #cupcakecollection #thecupcakecollection #instayum #foodiefinds #foodstagram #blackowned #blackownedbusiness #soyamgood #sweetpotatocupcakes #sweetpotatochallenge

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116 likes

AUGUST 2

Add a comment...

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# The do's and don'ts of responding to reviews

The following guidelines can help you get into the right state-of-mind and craft a wise response for any review.

### Do's



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- **Do** read the review, re-read it, and reflect before responding
- **Do** start with a "Thank you" for their business and feedback
- Do think of critical feedback as insight into how you can improve
- Do politely correct any inaccurate information within a review

### **Don'ts**



- **Don't** use the same template for every response
- **Don't** respond to minor criticism in an otherwise positive review
- Don't forget to click "Thanks" if you're too busy to write a response
- **Don't** use Direct Message to ask a customer to change their review

## **BUSINESS OWNERS APP**

Yelp for Business Owners in the palm of your hand.



COMPLETE PROFILE



T R A C K E N G A G E M E N T REQUEST A QUOTE MESSAGES REVIEWS



MANAGE REPUTATION

## **Communicate during COVID-19**

Build trust with customers by communicating your current operations and safety measures



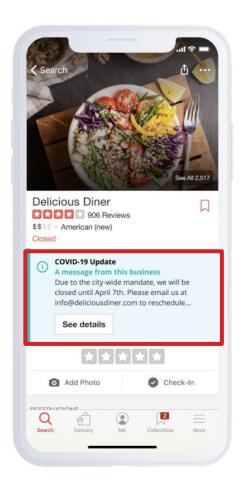
Create a clear, concise and consistent message

# Educate consumers on your business updates

- Hours
- Offerings
- Cleanliness
- Special safety measures
- Virtual services
- Best way to make contact
- How to make a purchase

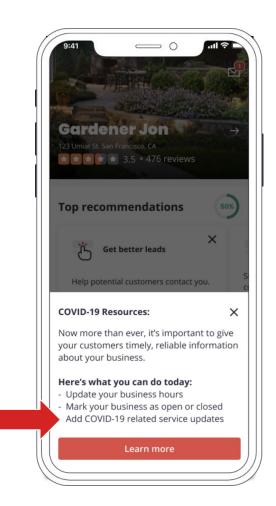
### **COVID-19 Update Banner**

During these challenging times, businesses are adapting and making rapid changes. To help businesses easily communicate with their customers, a COVID-19 update banner is being displayed at the top of all Yelp Business Pages. You can edit this alert to communicate specific updates about your business's response to COVID-19.



## **Virtual Service Offerings**

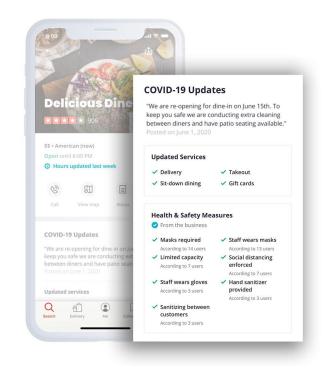
- Virtual classes
- Virtual consultations
- Virtual tasting sessions
- Virtual tours
- Virtual experiences
- Virtual performances

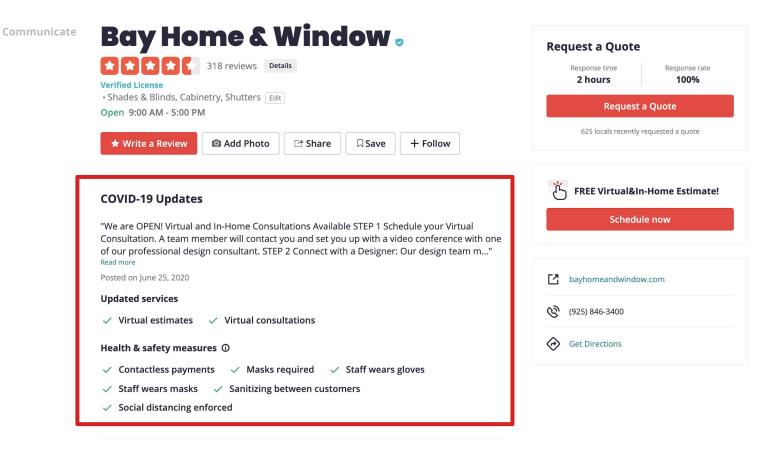


## Health and Safety Measures

Indicate the safety measures your business is taking to keep your staff and customers safe.

Some of these safety measures will be the differentiating factor for a consumer.





#### **Updates From This Business**

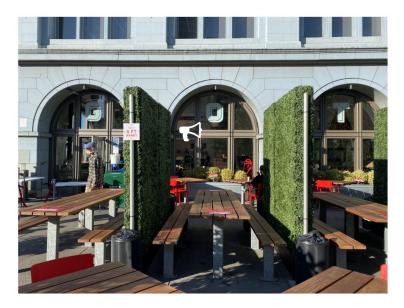




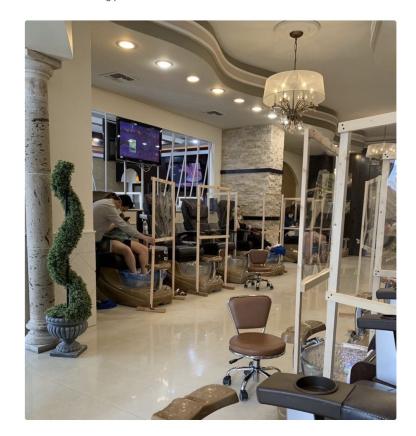
#### **Protective barriers**

We've seen it already in grocery stores—shields at the register to protect consumers and employees. Now companies around the country are designing and selling shields for all different industries, including Ottawa's EzGARD, and Louisville's HMI Cardinal.

Gott's Roadside in San Francisco now houses towering lush partitions between their outdoor tables to keep guests separated.



Vinpearl Nail & Spa in San Antonio constructed their own box shields to keep customers and staff safe during pedicures.



# New features and tools + Yelp COnnect

New things we rolled out in 2020-2021 to help you communicate what's most important to you, and increase visibility online



## Services Offered

- 4 services selected
- Artificial Turf Installation
- Garden Design
- Garden Maintenance
- Irrigation Installation
- Landscape Design
- □ Landscape Maintenance
- Lawn Seeding
- □ Virtual Consultations
- Residential Services
- Stump Removal
- □ Tree Planting
- Tree Removal
- Yard Cleaning
- Show less

- Commercial Services
- Garden Installation
- □ Hardscape Construction
- Landscape Construction
- □ Landscape Grading & Resloping
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#### Photos and Videos



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See All 6

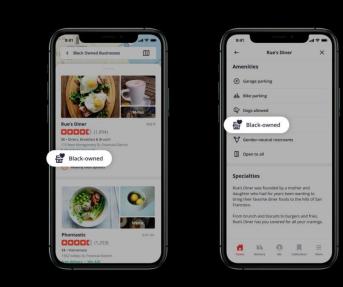
#### Services Offered Verified by Business

- Access Control System Installation
- Aluminum Fence Services
- Automatic Gate Opener Installation
- Chain Link Fence Services

- Access Control System Repair
- Artificial Turf Installation
- · Automatic Gate Opener Repair
- Commercial Services

#### ✓ See 39 More Services

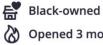
Black, LatinX and Women **Owned** Attribute (searchable!)





### 1. Cali Alley

Comfort Food, Food Delivery Services, Burgers



Opened 3 months ago

Request a Quote / Message the Business



### Starbright Floral Design • Claimed

		Response time 6 hours	Response rate 100%
Open 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM O Hours updated 1 month ago	Request Information		
☆ Write a Review 🙆 Add Photo 🗍 Share 🛛 🗘 Save		12 locals recently requested information	
COVID-19 Updates	Edit 🖉	Order Hand-D	elivered Flowers!
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**Request Information** 



# SET UP REQUEST A QUOTE /

- 1. Visit biz.yelp.com
- 2. Go to the 'Inbox' section
- 3. Go to 'Settings'
- 4. Select 'Enabled'
- 5. Respond within a day to get 4X more leads

### Settings

#### Messaging

Allow people to message your Yelp business. Disabling this feature will not delete existing messages.

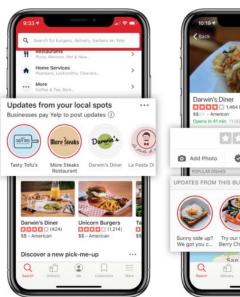
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# Yelp Connect

- Paid product
- Allows you to post updates and information for your followers to see
- Displays on your Yelp listing
- Is sent directly to consumers nearby who are connected to you
- View metrics and reach

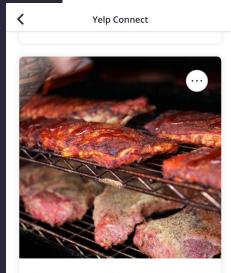








## Yelp Connect



#### Father's Day BBQ Takeout Feast

Preorder BBQ for Dad today! The fastest and easiest way to order bbq is to visit our website. We will be OPEN on Father's Da...

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#### Yelp Connect



#### **Slow Smoked Brisket Sandwich**

The problem with great BBQ is that it takes time and expertise. Order slow smoked craft BBQ online anytime from ...

Visit	website
4,459	Posted May 14

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Yelp Connect



#### Open for Limited Dine-In Seating

After 13 months of delivery and takeout only, we are open again for limited dine-in seating in our bar and outdoor patio. W...

Learn more

• 5,461

Posted Apr 26

• 4,145

Posted Jun 18

## Yelp Connect



### We're keeping Cali Comfort BBQ top-of-mind

We're connecting you with hungry diners on Yelp. Your followers are listening to your story – here's how the conversation's going:

THIS PAST WEEK

1,304



opens in the past 7 days

opens in the past 30 days

YOUR TOP POST

#### **Open for Limited Dine-In Seating**

After 13 months of delivery and takeout only, we are open again for limited dinein seating in our bar and outdoor patio. We hope to serve you again soon.

#### WHERE YOU REACHED THIS WEEK





- Paid product
- Proudly and prominently display your logo on your business page and in search results



Astoria



41 reviews Details

\$\$\$ • Grocery, Delis Edit

Open 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (1) Hours updated over 3 months ago

🖈 Write a Review

Add Photo

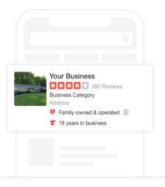
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# Business Highlights

- Paid product ٠
- Choose up to 6 highlights • (from 30 available)
- Top 2 highlights you select • appear in search results
- Make your business stand • out

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# Verified License

- Paid product •
- Give customers peace of ٠ mind

- Yelp verifies that the ٠ business has an active license
- Sets you apart ۲

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License # Issued by	822482 CA CSLB	<sup>µ3 ≁</sup> Business nar	
Trade Verified by Yelp on Expires	C36 - Plumbing Oct 28, 2018 Aug 30, 2019	Verified License Address	COCC 35 Peviews
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## Portfolios

- Paid product ۲
- Bring your designs to life ۲
- Consumers can request a • quote directly
- Project length and pricing • range help set the right expectation





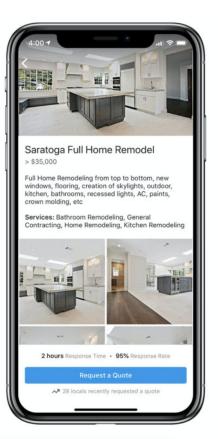




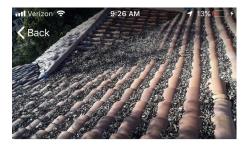
Marin Outdoor Enter... Diamond Heights So ... 18 Photos

12 Photos









Tile Roof Cleaning and Tune Up in Pasadena CA

\$1,000 to \$5,000 · Completed June 2019

This tile roof in Pasadena was in need of a good cleaning/ tune up and it got it.

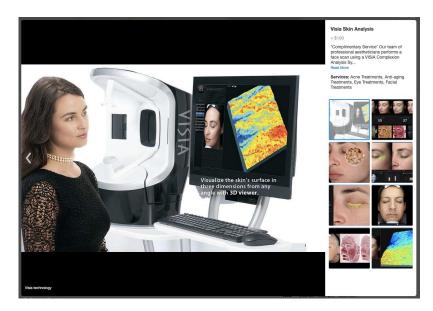
Project Duration: 1-7 days Services: Roof Cleaning, Roof Repair, Tile Roof Services



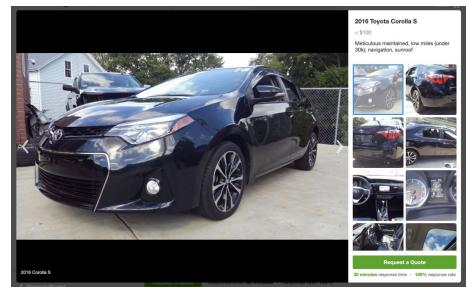




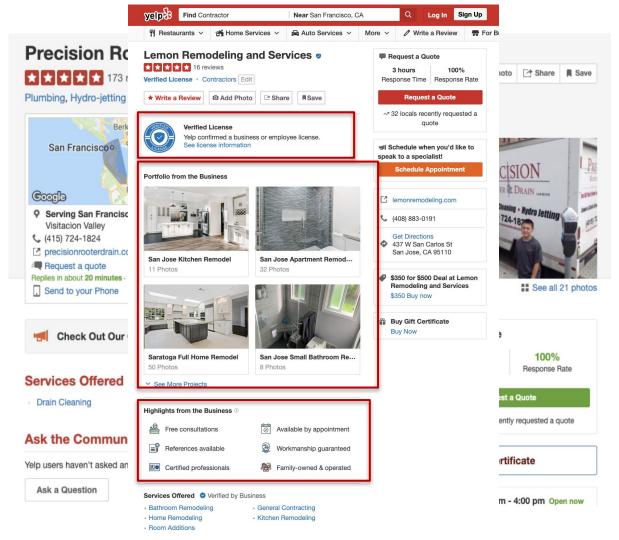
### Skincare



### Body Shop/ Auto Dealer



Enable businesses to showcase businesses what they do best





**Fresh New** Look to the Ads Dashboard, More Campaign Control, Heat Map to Track **Metrics** 

### velp for business

**Yelp Ads** 

**Ad Performance** 

375

Impressions (last 30 days) O

Plumber Jon 123 Umiat St. San Francisco CA 92078 + Add a location Home Home Yelp Ads Business Information

#### A Page Upgrades Prelp Connect Business Highlights

#### Portfolio License Verification

#### Call to Action

Reviews Photos and Videos

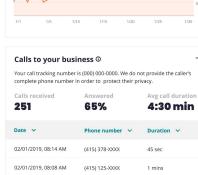
#### Inbox A Community Questions

Rearby Jobs

Check-in Offers Deals & Gift Certificates

### Billing

#### Review Badges 02/01/2019, 08:02 AM



(606) 871-XXXX

(510) 371-XXXX

30 sec

10 min

# Ad clicks (last 30 days) @ $\rightarrow$ 145

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1/30

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#### Spend this billing period O Your spend: Avg cost-per-click: \$531.67 \$3.67 Due on Feb 1, 2020

**Ad Settings** 

02/01/2019, 07:59 AM

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### Resources

### blog.yelp.com



### 5 free things you didn't know you could do on your Yelp Page

Ali Schwartz

Thursday, September 3, 2020 · #BusinessOwners, #Free Tools



There are many free features to choose from when creating and updating your Yelp Page. The typical listing has basic business information, photos, and reviews—and most business owners stop there. But a little extra work will make your page stand out. Here are five hidden gems that you can add for free.

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### **3** tips for adapting your sales and marketing during times of change

#### Cultivate Advisors

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 • #Tips & Tutorials, #BusinessOwners



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Home News Data Product Community Business

### Dos and don'ts of responding to reviews on Yelp





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Lessons from Jon Taffer of Bar Rescue on a bulletproof plan for success

People have been dining out for more than a thousand years—since the first restaurant as we know it opened in 1100 A.D. in China—and have operated in basically the same

way ever since. You sit down at a table, a server takes your order, brings that order to

Holly Hanchey Friday, October 9, 2020 - #Tips & Tutorials, #BusinessOwners, #Restaurants

#### Grow your business with Yelp

Add or claim your business, update your page, respond to reviews, view click and call reports or get ahead of the game with premium upgrades and simple, powerful advertising tools.

Manage my free listing

#### **Related Articles**

Lessons on fighting the good fight with celebrity chef Rick Bayless

Lessons in becoming your own brand from chef Jet Tila

Lessons from a Michelinrated restaurant's

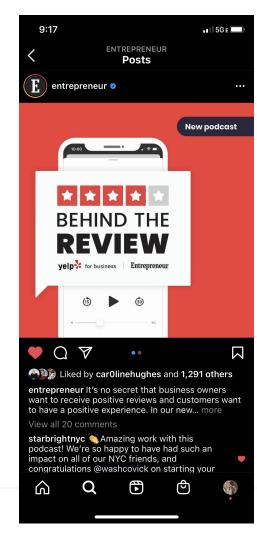


**BEHIND THE REVIEW** 

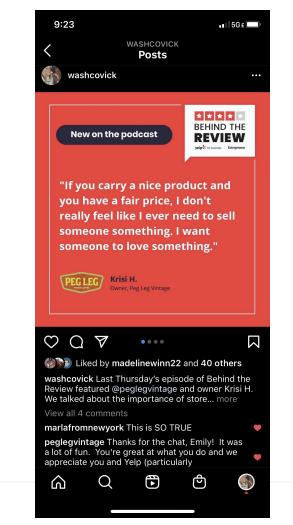
### A New Podcast Brought to You by Yelp and Entrepreneur Media

Behind the Review features conversations with business owners and reviewers about their experiences - whether positive or negative - giving listeners behind-the-scenes insights and real life learnings.









# Summary

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How to build consumer trust

The art of staying top of mind for consumers

### • New features and tools

Take advantage of the free and paid features to help you express what's most important for your business



# Questions? emilyrw@yelp.com



# **Appendix Slides**

# Analyze and identify any themes or trends, then strategize a response plan

- **§** Pricing and value
- $\mathbb{M}$  Food and beverage
- Service
- $\boxdot$  Facilities and amenities
- $\heartsuit$  General experience
- Takeout and delivery



# **89%** of consumers read businesses' responses to reviews

Reviews

**Respond to** reviews on every platform because that's what your customers want

Businesses who have responded to reviews average a .5 higher rating compared to businesses with no review responses

Businesses who respond to their reviews, have received more reviews on average this year than those who have not

Businesses who have more reviews have higher user views and customer leads "Answer every complaint, in every channel, every time." From the New York Times bestselling author of Youtility

HUG YOUR HATERS How to Embrace Complaints

and Keep Your Customers

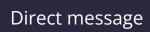
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# Responding to critical reviews



Public comment





# LEGITIMATE INACCURATE RANT



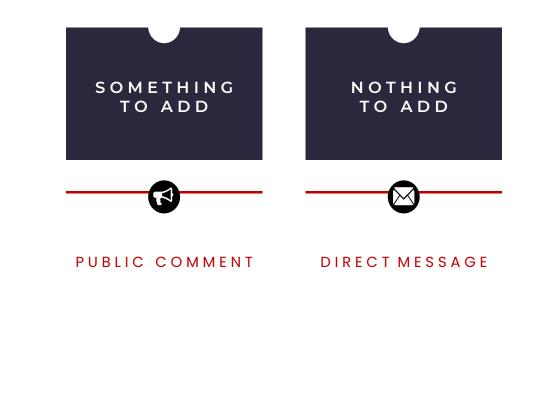
### PUBLIC COMMENT PUBLIC COMMENT DIRECT MESSAGE

Reviews

# Responding to positive reviews









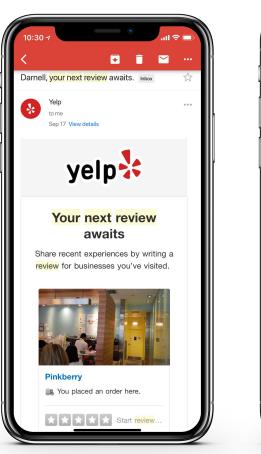
# Amplify the positivity



# **Don't interfere** with the natural flow of reviews. **Inspire great** reviews organically.







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Reviews

# **Action items**

Reminder: Create a strategy for managing and responding to reviews









### What is Yelp doing to communicate?

### Yelp Teams Up with My Black Receipt to Support Black-owned Businesses



Tara Lewis, Director of Community Expansion + Trend Expert at Yelp Thursday, June 18, 2020 • #Product, #Impact, #News

Earlier this month, our CEO Jeremy Stoppelman shared the initial steps Yelp is taking to lay the groundwork for change and better support the Black community. Part of our commitment is to give people who want to support Black-owned businesses, an easy way to do so, and give businesses a way to self-identify as Black-owned on Yelp if they choose to do so with a free searchable attribute. Today, we're excited to officially launch the Black-owned business attribute in partnership with My Black Receipt, a movement whose mission is to empower the Black community with economic independence by galvanizing consumers to spend \$5 million at Black-owned businesses from Juneteenth (June 19) through Independence Day (July 4). The new searchable Black-owned business attribute is free and opt-in only, as the decision to self-identify as Black-owned should rest solely with the business.

## What is Yelp doing to communicate?

# New Consumer Alert on Yelp Takes Firm Stance Against Racism



Noorie Malik, VP of User Operations

Thursday, October 8, 2020 • #News, #Product, #Consumer Protection Initiative

Update: To learn about the most commonly asked questions regarding our media-fueled Consumer Alerts, read more in our FAQ.

When we notice an unusual spike in activity on a business's Yelp page, our team of moderators will investigate and temporarily disable content as we place an alert on the business's page to warn users that some of these reviews may not be based on first-hand experiences.

#### Here's what we'll do when an incident involving racism occurs:

- We'll default to a general **Public Attention Alert** to inform consumers if someone associated with the business was accused of, or the target of, racist behavior.

- We'll only escalate to a **Business Accused of Racist Behavior Alert** when there's resounding evidence of egregious, racist actions from a business owner or employee, such as using overtly racist slurs or symbols; and this alert <u>will always</u> <u>link to a news article from a credible media outlet</u> so users can learn more.



At Yelp, we value diversity, inclusion and belonging, both internally and on our platform, which means we have a zero tolerance policy to racism. We know these values are important to our users and now more than ever, consumers are increasingly conscious of the types of businesses they patronize and support. In fact, we've seen that reviews

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### Yelp Joins the 15 Percent Pledge



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Today, we're excited to announce that we are joining the 15 Percent Pledge, an organization calling on retailers to dedicate 15% of their shelf space to Black-owned businesses. While we aren't a traditional retailer, we recognize our unique position to help consumers use their purchase power to support businesses that align with their values. We've seen over the last few months an overwhelming outpouring of support for Black-owned businesses on Yelp, as searches for Black-owned businesses have continued to see significant increases across categories (up 6,520% compared to the same period last year\*). This is a strong signal that our users remain committed to supporting the Black community as we all continue to work towards a more equitable America.

Aurora James, the founder of the 15 Percent Pledge, shared her thoughts on the movement and Yelp's commitment:

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#### **Black-owned business attribute**

There's a new attribute in the Amenities section of Yelp Business Pages to indicate that a business is Black-owned. This new attribute is free and opt-in only, as the decision to identify as Black-owned should rest solely with the business.

This attribute is also searchable, in response to consumer demand for an easy way to find and support Black-owned businesses.

If you are a Black-owned business and want to add the attribute to your Yelp Page and to appear in "Black-owned" search results, you can opt-in via your Yelp for Business account by following these simple steps:

- 1. Visit Yelp for Business (Business Information tab) on your desktop or mobile browser.
- 2. Click Edit next to Known for.
- 3. Select Yes beside Black-owned.
- 4. Click Save Changes.

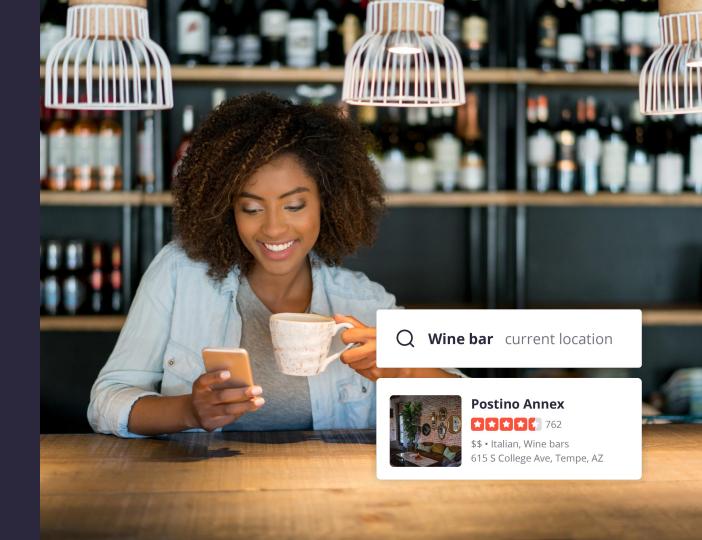


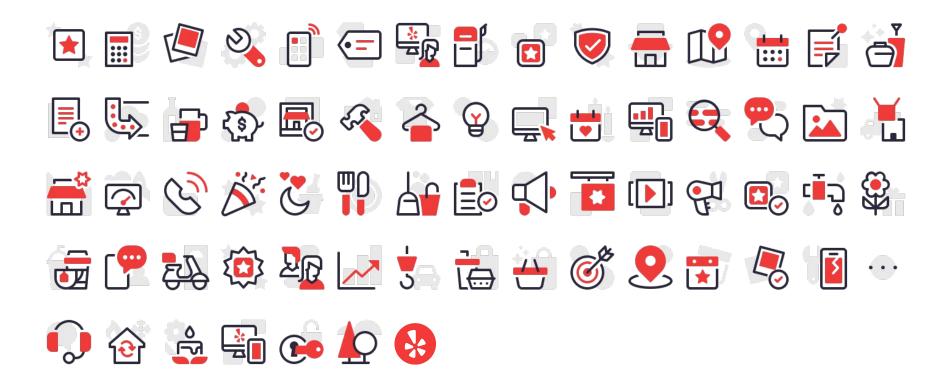
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Black-owned
 Opened 3 months ago

### Consumers turn to Yelp

Amy wants to find a restaurant with a great wine list for her sister's birthday dinner.





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