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GCCA Update on COVID-19

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Agenda

- Regulatory and Governmental Updates
- GCCA Research/Survey Update
- GCCA Recovery Guide and Resources
- Upcoming Events
- Q&A

Next COVID Relief Package

- Senate leaders are beginning to unveil components of their version of the next relief bill
- Deep partisan divisions, and Senate Republicans are struggling to reach consensus
- Package expected to be around \$1 trillion
- Provisions likely to be in Senate package:
 - Liability protection
 - \$25 billion for testing capacity
 - Direct payments to Americans (with lower income limits)
 - Additional PPP funding
 - \$105 billion for schools
- Yet to be announced (or determined):
 - How to handle federal unemployment policy
 - Employee retention tax credit
 - Support for essential workers
 - Payroll tax cut (likely out)

SBLC Letter to Congress: Help Small Businesses with Next Relief Package

- The Small Business Legislative Council sent a letter to Congressional representatives on July 16th with a list of proposals for consideration for the upcoming COVID-19 relief package
- The proposals include:
 - Establishing liability protections for businesses who follow CDC and other recommended guidance while reopening
 - Expand PPP to include 501(c)(6) organizations
 - Restore the business deductions eliminated by the Tax Cuts and Jobs act
 - Provide tax incentives to small businesses to offset costs of COVID-19-related deep cleaning and PPE

S. 4213: FRNT LINE Act – Tax Relief for Essential Workers

- Acronym stands for: Financial Relief Noting The Large Impact Of Our Nation's Essential Employees
- Introduced by Senator Ernst (R-IA)
- Will provide tax relief to essential workers, including those who work in the food and agriculture sectors
- Will also provide payroll tax relief by suspending federal payroll taxes to essential workers who earn up to \$50,000 annually
- GCCA has signed a letter of support for this bill, along with 26 other industry partners

S. 4117 - Paycheck Protection Program Small Business Forgiveness Act

- Bipartisan bill introduced in Senate
- Forgive PPP loans of less than \$150,000 upon the borrower's completion of a simple, one-page forgiveness document.
- PPP loans of \$150,000 and under account for 85 percent of total PPP recipients, but less than 26 percent of PPP loan dollars.
- Expediting the loan forgiveness process for many of these hard-hit businesses will save more than \$7 billion dollars and hours of paperwork.
- GCCA part of coalition supporting the effort

HR 7528 - Get America Back to Work Act

- Introduced in the House by Congressmen Graves (R-GA) and Cueller (D-TX)
- Designed to address the issue of liability during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Limits liability for those employers “acting in good faith” to comply with guidelines from public health authorities
- No protection is offered to those employers who may act with “gross negligence” or engage in “reckless misconduct” with “flagrant indifference” to safety
- Includes Federal pre-emption and would be retroactive to beginning of pandemic
- GCCA has signed a letter of support for this bill, along with other industry partners

Virginia Department of Labor and Industry Finalized Coronavirus Safety Rules



- First state in the US to enact such rules for all businesses
- Expected to go into effect by the week of July 27th; will stay in effect until six months after the end of the Governor's state of emergency (unless otherwise modified)
- Includes policies similar to those being promoted by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other public health agencies and experts, including enforcing physical distancing, proper PPE and cleaning
- Non-compliant businesses face monetary penalties

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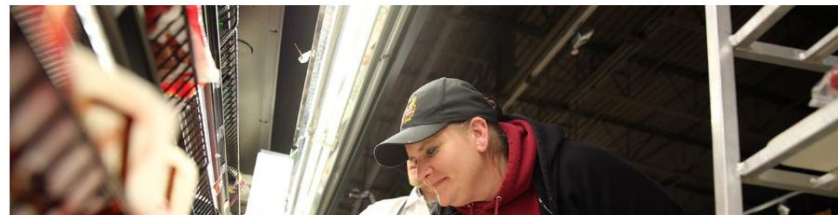
- Minimum requirements for all businesses
 - Assess hazards present at worksite
 - Social distancing
 - Cleaning
 - Policies for positive COVID cases, those with symptoms
- Businesses placed into risk categories
- “Medium” or higher must develop Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plans and train employees on the standard and company protocols.

Meat and Poultry Production Return to Pre-Coronavirus Levels

- Processing plants have adopted increased sanitization standards, use of PPE and social distancing
- Strength of supply chain continues to move product across the country
- Article quoting GCCA appeared on Cleveland.com on July 15th

Meat and poultry supplies no longer a serious concern, processors and grocers say

Updated Jul 15, 2020; Posted Jul 15, 2020



FDA Inspections to Resume

- FDA to resume inspections week of July 20th
 - Resuming prioritized domestic inspections will depend on the data about the virus' trajectory in a given location
- Will determine safety of on-site inspections based on the COVID-19 Advisory Rating System
- For the foreseeable future, prioritized domestic inspections will be pre-announced to FDA-regulated businesses
 - Exclusions for retail tobacco inspections



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COVID-19 Vaccine



- The US Federal Government will receive 100 million doses of a coronavirus vaccine under new \$1.95 billion agreement with drug companies Pfizer and BioNTech
 - Clinical trials are still needed
- GCCA has signed a letter to President Trump requesting that essential workers be prioritized for vaccination, after healthcare workers, first responders and high-risk individuals

EPA Enforcement Discretion



- The Environmental Protection Agency is terminating the enforcement discretion related to COVID-19 on August 31st
- As state and local restrictions are relaxed or lifted, so are many of the restrictions that potentially impede regulatory compliance
- The termination date section was added to the original enforcement discretion memo as section **VI. Termination**

COVID-19 Business Impact Survey



- First of its kind research into the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the cold chain industry
- Full report is available on the GCCA website

CEBA COVID-19 Business Impact Survey

- Survey specifically targeted to collect information on COVID-19 impacts to the controlled environment building industry
- All answers are anonymous
- Survey responses needed by July 28th



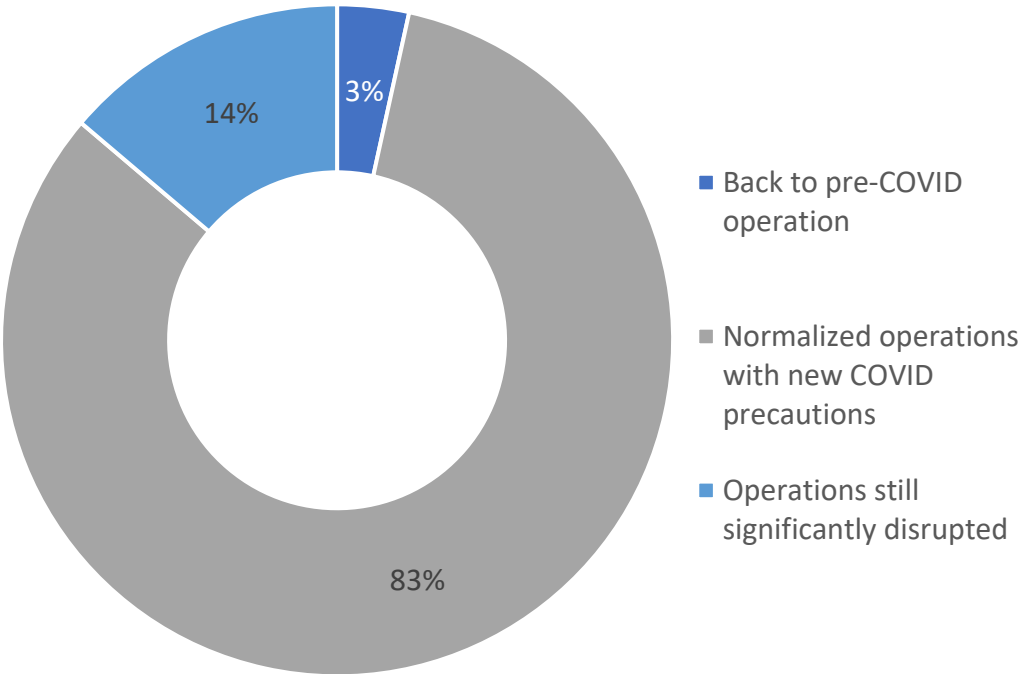
COVID-19 Information Survey

- GCCA would like your feedback on your operations, needed COVID-19 information and your preferred information delivery format
- Thank you for your feedback



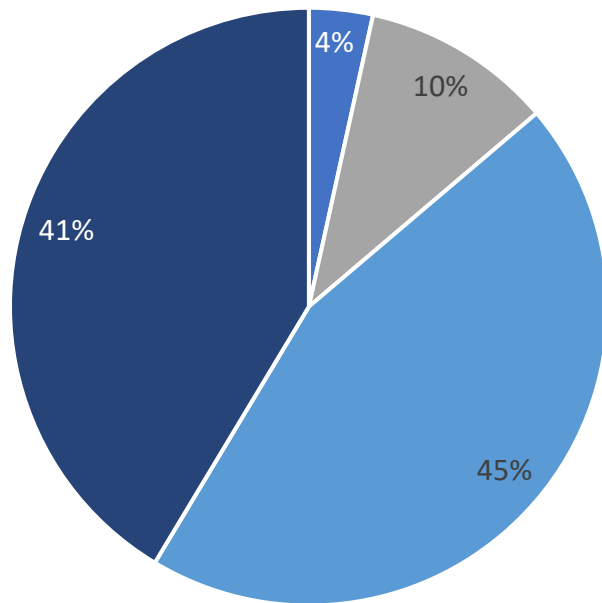
Ongoing COVID Impacts

How would you categorize your operation today?



Resource Access

How often in the last 14 days have you referenced GCCA's "Responding to Coronavirus" web page?



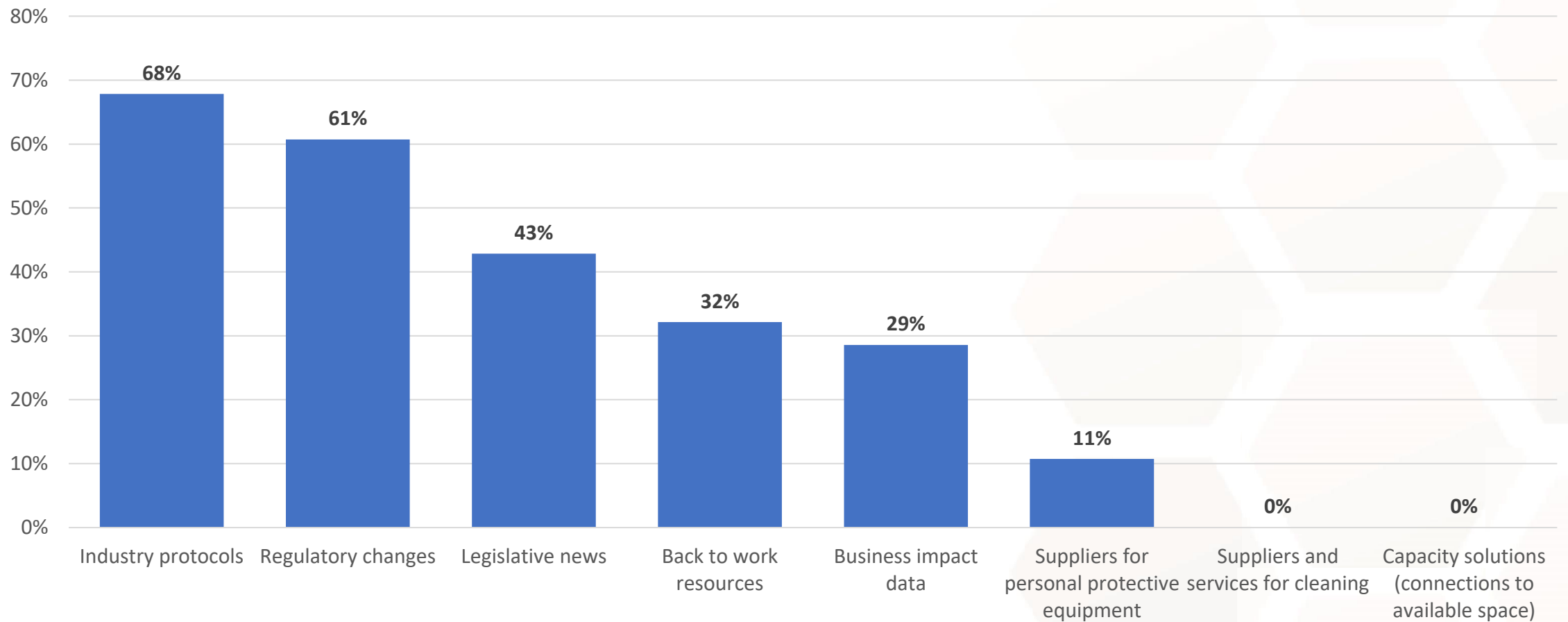
■ 6 or more times ■ 3-5 times ■ 1-2 times ■ I have not

For COVID-19 information delivered to you from GCCA, how would you prefer to receive this information moving forward?
(Rank by dragging)

Information Format	Average Rank
Bi-weekly Webinars	2.26
Responding to Coronavirus Web page (gccca.org)	2.70
On-Demand Recorded Video Update	3.07
Recovery and Response PDF Guides	3.59
Section in Cold Connection	4.85
GCCA Online Community Message Board	5.56
Social Media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter)	6.30

Helpful Information

What information is still valuable to you in relation to the pandemic? (select top 3)



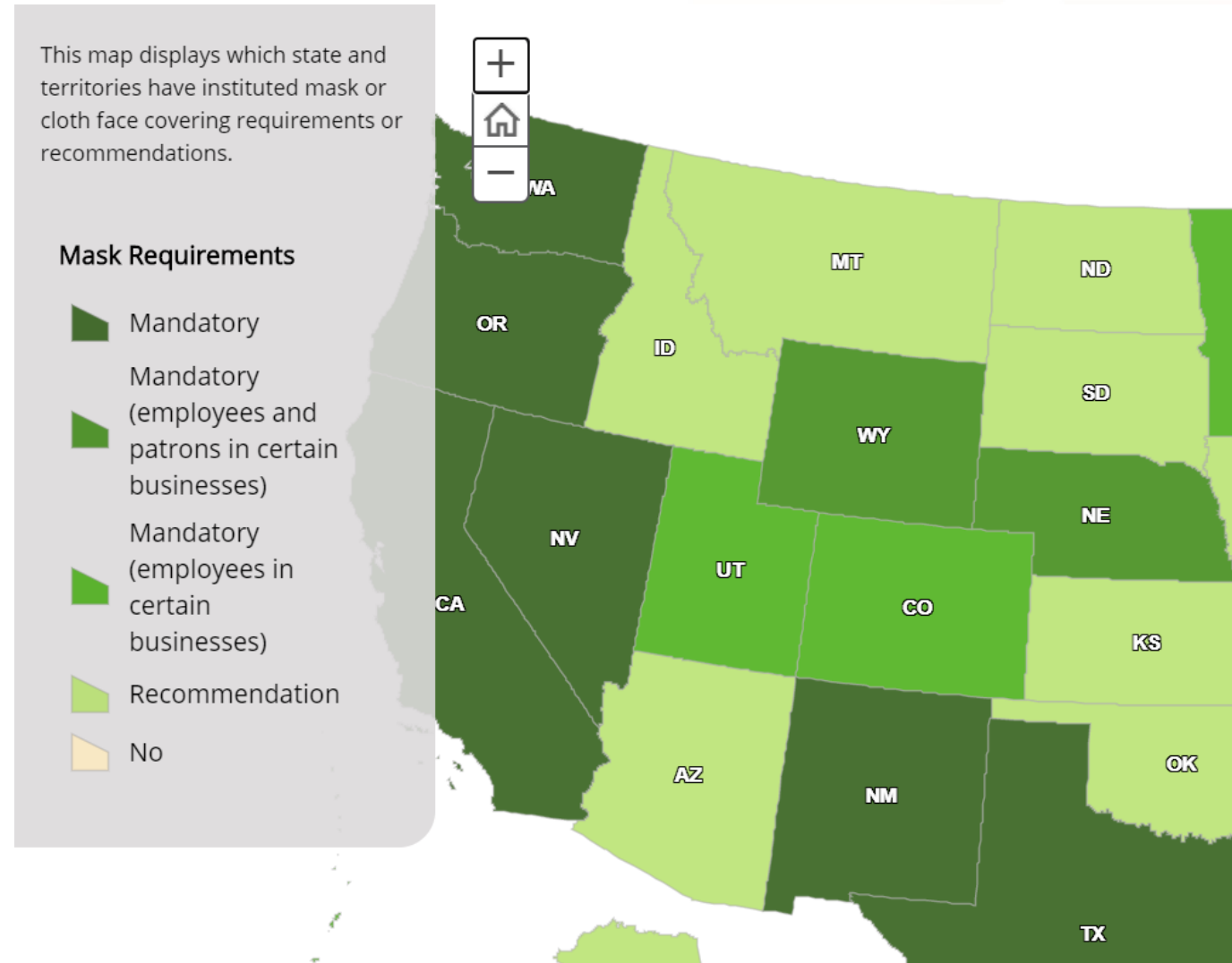
GCCA Resource: COVID-19 Recovery Guide

- Follow up to GCCA COVID-19 Rapid Response Guide
- Version 2 released June 22, 2020
- Guides businesses through two stages of recovery:
 - Bringing your workforce back on-site
 - Ensuring continued safety and well-being



Tracking Reopening State-by-State

- National Governors Association (NGA)
- Interactive map tracking metrics such as:
 - Mask orders
 - Allowable gathering sizes
 - Interstate travel restrictions
 - Stay at home orders



GCCA Resources

- WFLO Scientific Advisory Council
- GCCA Online Communities

What is the urgency of your request? *

- Urgent
- Somewhat Urgent
- Not Urgent

Please describe your inquiry with as much detail as possible. *

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Back to discussions

What are your questions about COVID-19?

 Catharine Perry yesterday
[You might have seen the GCCA member email that went out today about what the ass](#)

1. What are your questions about COVID-19?



Posted yesterday

GCCA Virtual Policy Forum

- Offered free to GCCA members
- July 28-29, 2020
- Features educational sessions focused on the rules and regulations that directly impact the industry

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