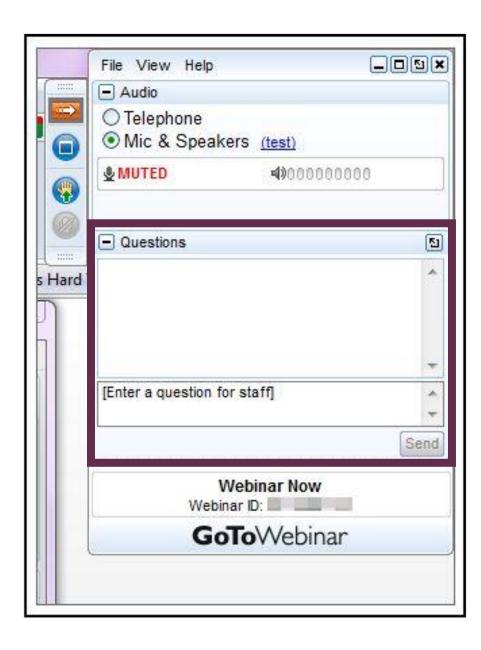




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### Agenda

- Regulatory and Governmental Updates
- Research Updates
- GCCA Resources
- Q&A



#### Congressional Update: The Heroes Act

- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, House Democrats introduced the Heroes Act, a \$3 trillion coronavirus relief bill (1800 pages – summary is 90 pages)
- Establishes a \$200 billion Heroes' Fund for essential workers
- Provides nearly \$1 trillion to state, local, territorial and tribal governments to pay vital workers like first responders, health workers, and teachers
- Provides \$75 billion for testing, contact tracing and treatment
- Provides additional direct payments (\$1200 indv./max \$6000 per household)
- Revises PPP Program, adds funds and flexibility on terms
- Extends federal unemployment benefits through Jan 2021
- Language requiring OSHA to issue a strong, enforceable standard within seven days to require all workplaces to develop and implement infection control plans based on CDC expertise, and prevents employers from retaliating against workers who report infection control problems
- Provides a 15 percent increase to the maximum SNAP benefit and additional \$10 billion in funding for nutrition programs

#### Congressional Update: AG CHAIN Act



- On May 12<sup>th</sup>, HR. 6841 was introduced in the House of Representatives to provide tax relief to frontline workers in the food and agriculture industries
- Sponsored by Reps. Thompson (R-PA) and Evans (D-PA)
- Would provide an exclusion from gross income taxes and temporary payroll tax relief to essential food and agriculture workers
- Consistent with proposal developed by food industry coalition to support COVID Heroes.
- Coalition is also building support with Senate offices.

### Letter Supporting Common Sense Liability Protections for Essential Businesses

- GCCA co-signed, with other food and agriculture associations, a letter supporting common sense liability protections for essential businesses acting in good faith to protect their workers.
- The letter asks Congress to provide liability protection for essential businesses with the following principles:
  - Protection against claims of virus exposure in the workplace
  - Protection for employers taking appropriate action
  - Protection tailored to the current crisis
- Senate Judiciary Committee held hearing on liability



## Reminder of Tax Credits Available to Many Businesses Impacted by COVID-19

- Employee Retention Credit
  - Designed to encourage businesses to keep employees on the payroll
- Paid Sick Leave Credit
  - Designed to allow businesses to get a credit for an employee who is unable to work (including telework) because of Coronavirus quarantine or self-quarantine or has Coronavirus symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis
- Family Leave Credit
  - Designed to allow businesses to get a credit for employees who are unable to work due to caring for someone with Coronavirus or caring for a child because the child's school or place of care is closed, or the paid childcare provider is unavailable due to the Coronavirus.

### FMCSA Extends Emergency Declaration Through June 14, 2020

- On May 13<sup>th</sup> the FMCSA announced an extension of its Emergency Declaration through June 14, 2020, allowing motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance to the COVID-19 emergency relief efforts to continue operating under the exemptions set forth in the declaration through that date.
- Motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in support of relief efforts related to the COVID-19 national emergency are granted emergency relief from Parts 390 through 399 of the FMCSRs

## Defense Production Act: Meat and Poultry Processors

- On April 28<sup>th</sup>, President Trump issued an executive order invoking the Defense Production Act to support reopening of meat and poultry facilities
- Facilities to rely on CDC/OSHA Guidance for meat and poultry operations
- FSIS working with state and local health officials and impacted plants
- National Pork Board has reported that as of this week 100% of pork plants are reopened – operating at 71% capacity (and increasing daily)
- USDA has indicated the DPA could be extended to other food sectors, if needed.

# USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program

- USDA announced the funding of \$1.2 billion in proposals
- Focus has been on initiating program quickly
- United Fresh and others have raised concerns/questions about the process





# Food Industry Developed Resources - FeedingUS.org

- Food and Beverage Industry COVID-19 Test Method Factsheet
- Food Industry Recommended Protocols When Employee/Customer Tests Positive for COVID-19
- Considerations for Identifying Exposed Employees as Related to COVID-19
- COVID-19 Employee Symptoms/Testing Status-Based Decision Tool For Food Facilities
- Emergency Prevention Measures to Achieve Physical (Social) Distancing in Food Manufacturing Facilities as Related to COVID-19

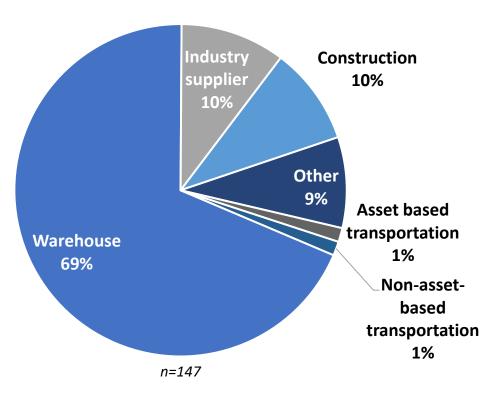
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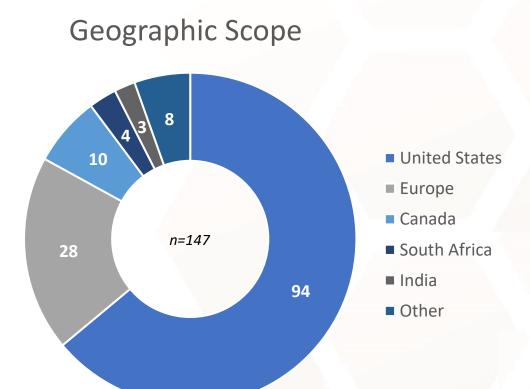
- Short survey launched on April 28th closed on May 11th
- Open to all members warehouse, industry suppliers, asset and non-asset-based transportation and construction (design/build/thermal envelope contractors)
- Preview of the results additional detail to be provided in a separate report coming soon
- Thank you for your participation!



## COVID-19 Business Impact Survey: Demographics

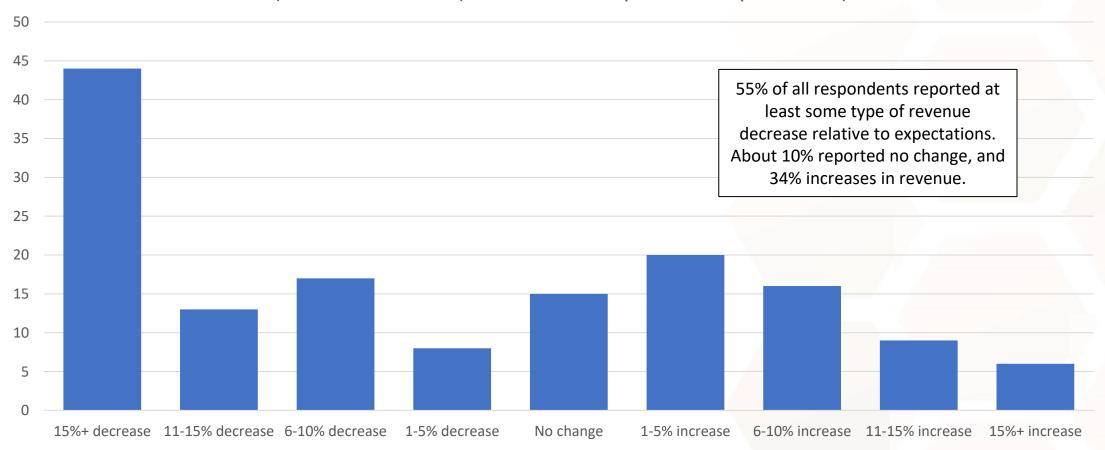






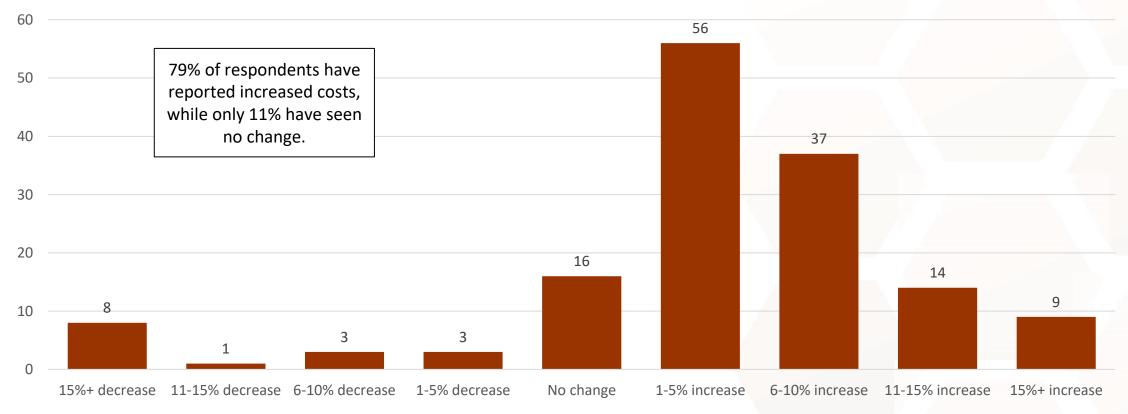
### COVID-19 Business Impact Survey: Business Revenue

What do you believe the financial impact on revenue (percentage): a) has been to date (actual Q1-Q2 vs pre-crisis expectations)



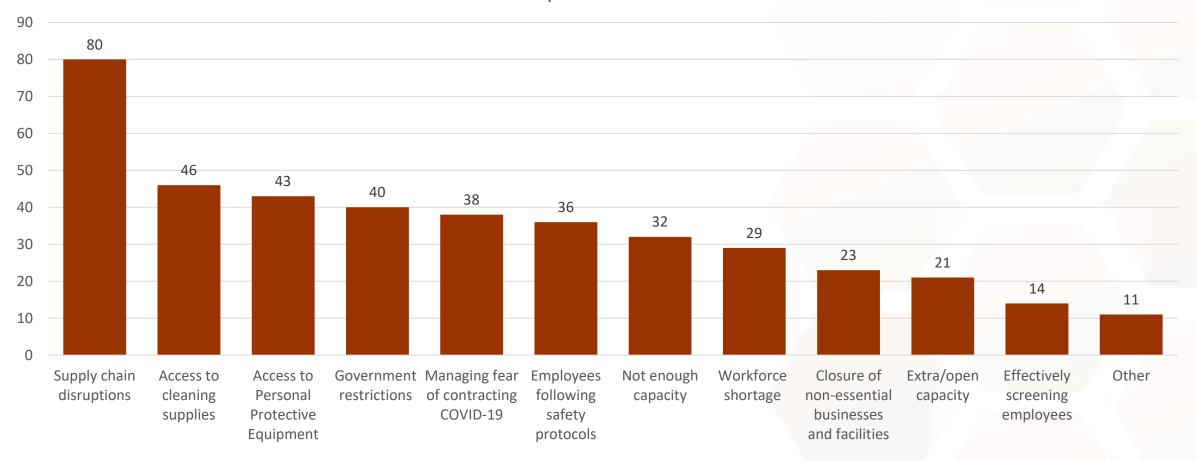
### COVID-19 Business Impact Survey: Business Costs

What has been the impact on your monthly cost of doing business due to any changes in work flow and/or process – extra cleaning, sanitizing, staggering work shifts, food for employees, employee transportation, overtime/appreciation pay, etc.?



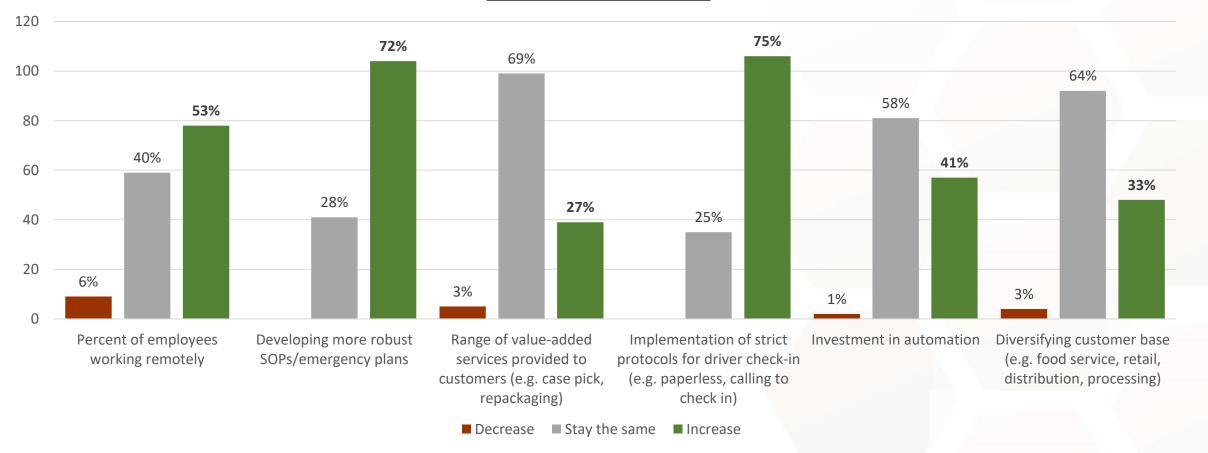
# COVID-19 Business Impact Survey: Business Challenges

What are the top three challenges facing your business as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic?



# COVID-19 Business Impact Survey: Business Operations

How do you believe the pandemic will change you company's operations in the future <u>relative to</u> <u>pre-COVID operations?</u>



#### Cold Storage Warehouse Space

- Is your warehouse full and you require overflow space?
- Do you have capacity at your warehouse?
- Contact GCCA's Director of Membership and International Programs Alice McKinnon (amckinnon@gcca.org)— we are working to match member warehouses who require extra capacity with those who have capacity at their facilities





#### GCCA Resource: Coronavirus Website

 In an effort to provide you with the latest updates and resources regarding this challenge, we created a clearinghouse page which is being monitored and updated daily:

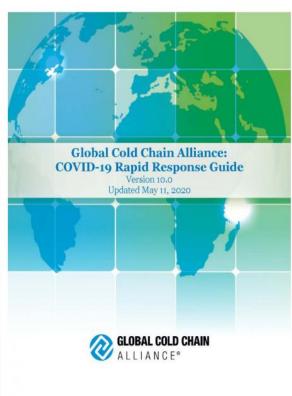
https://www.gcca.org/resources/responding-coronavirus.

Get Tools and Information in our Coronavirus Webportal>>



### GCCA Resource: COVID-19 Rapid Response Guide

- GCCA COVID-19 Rapid Response Guide Version 10.0 (Released May 11, 2020)
- Additional information and printable/shareable resources added
- Continuing to update as needed; new versions to be released approximately weekly





### GCCA Resource: Letter for PPE Suppliers

https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/PPE%20Request%20Form%20Letter.docx



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Dear Enter Distributor Name,

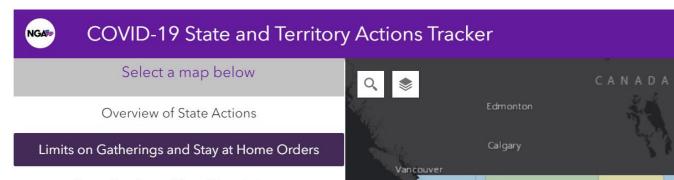
We commend you and thank you for your efforts in helping fight the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We understand that your company has been asked to prioritize orders of personal protective equipment for the food and agriculture sector. Our association, the Global Cold Chain Alliance, represents all major industries engaged in temperature-controlled logistics who are working to get refrigerated and frozen food products to grocery store shelves.



### State and Territory Actions Tracker

https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/#states

#### From the National Governor's Association



State Employee Travel Restrictions

**Domestic Travel Limitations** 

Statewide Curfews

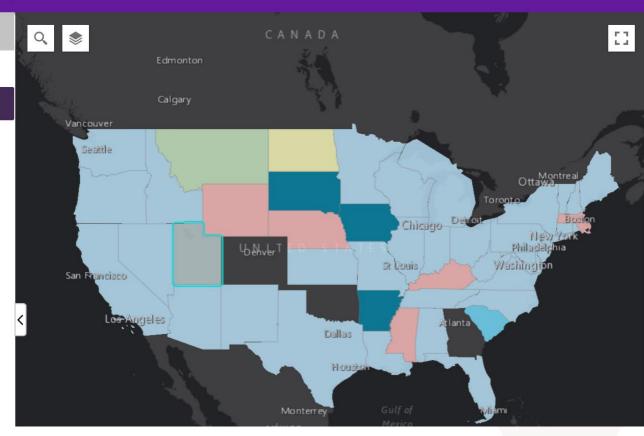
Statewide School Closures

Mask Requirements

Essential Business Designations Issued

Reopening Plans and Task Forces

**Primary Elections** 



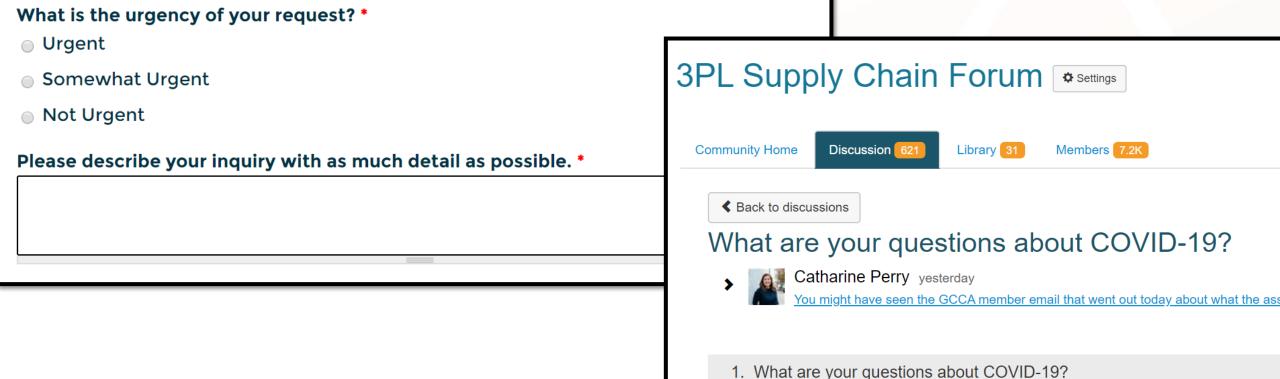


### Workplace Reopening Resources

- Cushman & Wakefield: "Recovery Readiness: A How-To Guide for Reopening Your Workplace"
- Small Business Legislative Council: "Returning Employees to Work After COVID-19"
- White House/CDC: Opening Up America Again Guidelines
- MutiState: COVID-19 State Reopening Guide
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce: State-by-State Business Reopening Guidance

#### GCCA Resources

- WFLO Scientific Advisory Council
- GCCA Online Communities



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