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# GCCA Update on COVID-19

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# Agenda

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

# Status of Next Relief Package

- House passed the HEROES Act on May 15th
- Senate has yet to release a comprehensive package
- Major issues being debated include:
  - Liability Protection
  - Support for essential workers
  - Unemployment/back to work payments
  - Support for state/local governments
  - Additional direct payments
  - PPP program

# Paycheck Protection Program Update

- On May 15th, the Small Business Administration (SBA) released the application that businesses will submit to their lender to apply to have their Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans forgiven
- Congress considering changes to add flexibility to program
- Bipartisan efforts in House and Senate
- Extend the time to spend the funds
- Add flexibility on forgivable expenses

# Fix PPP Small Business Coalition Letter

- May 21, 2020: GCCA joined a large group of organizations sending a letter to Congress asking for fixes to the PPP loan program.
- Requests emergency legislative and administrative action to:
  - Repeal the Paycheck Protection Program's (PPP) 75%-25% rule
  - Extend the eight-week period for purposes of calculating loan forgiveness
  - Extend the June 30 safe harbor date for rehiring and restoration of pay

# Coalition Letter in Support of COVID-19 Liability Reforms

- May 27, 2020: GCCA joined a large group of organizations sending a letter to Congress asking them to quickly enact temporary and targeted liability relief legislation related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Asks for protections that safeguard businesses, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions, as well as healthcare providers and facilities from unfair lawsuits so that they can continue to contribute to a safe and effective recovery from this pandemic



# Defense Production Act

- 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
- On May 18<sup>th</sup>, FDA and USDA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the potential use of the defense production act with regard to FDA-regulated food during the COVID-19 Pandemic
  - Cold storage specifically mentioned in MOU
  - Does not necessarily mean that the defense production act will be expanded, but gives the process by which USDA and FDA will work together if it is expanded

# New FDA Guidance on Reporting Closures

- Guidance entitled: Reporting a Temporary Closure or Significantly Reduced Production by a Human Food Establishment and Requesting FDA Assistance During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- Facilities can **voluntarily** report to FDA if they have temporarily ceased or significantly reduced production or if they are considering doing so
- Mechanism may also be used to request dialogue with FDA on issues related to continuing or restarting safe food production
- FDA does not intend to use the information to target establishments for inspections as a result of temporary closure or reduced production during the pandemic.
- FDA does not expect the risk profile of an establishment to change as a result of a temporary closure.

# Updated OSHA Guidance on Recordability

- May 19<sup>th</sup> OSHA released updated guidance
- Reinforces that COVID is a recordable illness
- But, recognizes the difficulty of workplace determination given community spread
- Provides employers guidance to help make reasonable determinations

# Updated OSHA Guidance on Recordability

- It is sufficient in most circumstances for the employer, when it learns of an employee's COVID-19 illness:
  - (1) to ask the employee how he believes he contracted the COVID-19 illness
  - (2) while respecting employee privacy, discuss with the employee his work and out-of-work activities that may have led to the COVID-19 illness; and
  - (3) review the employee's work environment for potential SARS-CoV-2 exposure.

# Updated OSHA Guidance on Recordability

OSHA has suggested that the following evidence may weigh in favor of or against work-relatedness:

- An employee's COVID-19 illness is likely work-related if it is contracted shortly after lengthy, close exposure to a particular customer or coworker who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 and there is no alternative explanation.
- An employee's COVID-19 illness is likely work-related if his job duties include having frequent, close exposure to the general public in a locality with ongoing community transmission and there is no alternative explanation.
- An employee's COVID-19 illness is likely not work-related if she is the only worker to contract COVID-19 in her vicinity and her job duties do not include having frequent contact with the general public, regardless of the rate of community spread.
- An employee's COVID-19 illness is likely not work-related if he, outside the workplace, closely and frequently associates with someone (e.g., a family member, significant other, or close friend) who (1) has COVID-19; (2) is not a coworker, and (3) exposes the employee during the period in which the individual is likely infectious.

# OSHA Launches Webpage with Coronavirus-Related Guidance for Construction Industry

- The guidance includes recommended actions to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus such as:
  - Using physical barriers to separate workers from individuals experiencing signs or symptoms consistent with the coronavirus
  - Keeping in-person meetings as short as possible, limiting the number of workers in attendance, and using social distancing practices
  - Screening calls when scheduling indoor construction work to assess potential exposures and circumstances in the work environment before worker entry
  - Requesting that shared spaces in home environments where construction activities are being performed, or other construction areas in occupied buildings, have good air flow
  - Staggering work schedules, such as alternating workdays or extra shifts, to reduce the total number of employees on a job site and to ensure physical distancing.

# DHS Releases Version 3.1 of CISA Critical Workers Guide

- Version 3.1 released May 20, 2020
  - Updated clarity around worker categories
  - Expanded language for workers supporting at-risk communities
  - Includes updated language to better reflect terminology used in food and agriculture industries
- This document gives guidance to state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions and the private sector on defining essential critical infrastructure workers
- Cold chain industry (warehousing, transportation and construction) is continues to be well represented



# Prioritization of PPE, Cloth Face Coverings, Disinfectants, and Sanitation Supplies

- On May 22, 2020, USDA and FDA released a guidance document with recommendations for addressing shortages in PPE, cloth face coverings, disinfectants and sanitation supplies
- Encourages suppliers to prioritize the food and agriculture sector second, behind the healthcare sector, for priority access to these supplies





# 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

# 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](mailto: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

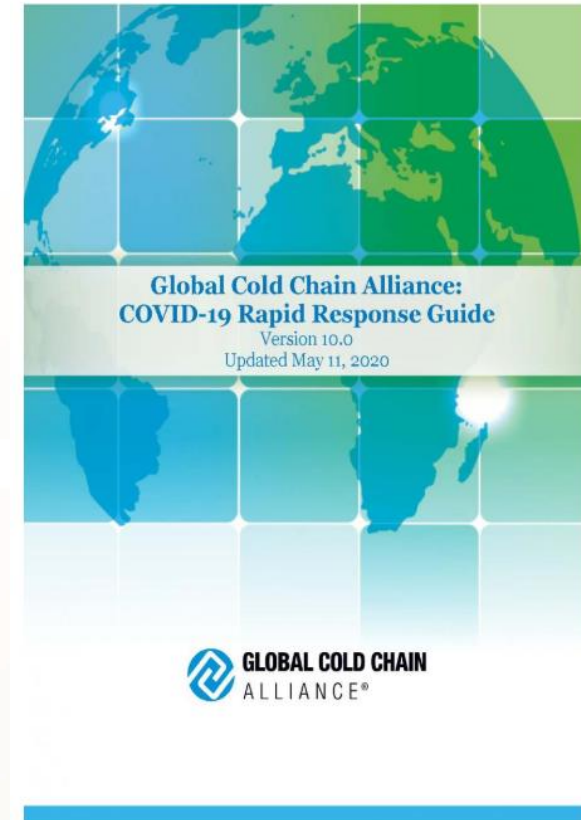
- In an effort to provide you with the latest updates and resources regarding this challenge, we created a clearinghouse page which is being monitored and updated daily:

[https://www.gcca.org/resources/responding-coronavirus.](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>



Click or tap to enter a date

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

**COVID-19 State and Territory Actions Tracker**

Select a map below

- Overview of State Actions
- Limits on Gatherings and Stay at Home Orders**
  - 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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- Somewhat Urgent
- Not Urgent

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[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



# COVID-19 Business Impact Survey



- Short survey launched on April 28<sup>th</sup> closed on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Open to all members – warehouse, industry suppliers, asset and non-asset-based transportation and construction (design/build/thermal envelope contractors)
- Full report will be available on the GCCA website
- Thank you for your participation!

# QUESTIONS?

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