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# GCCA Update on COVID-19

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# Agenda

- Regulatory and Governmental Updates
- GCCA Recovery Guide and Resources
- Upcoming Events
- Q&A

# Next COVID Relief Package

- Congress currently away for July 4<sup>th</sup> recess
- Senate expected to act upon return with goal of completion by August break
- McConnell recently stated priorities: “liability reform, kids in school, jobs and health care”
- Key issues being debated:
  - Liability protection
  - Support for essential workers
  - Unemployment/back to work payments
  - Other stimulus measures (checks, tax credits, etc...)

# Paycheck Protection Program Extension

- Signed into law on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Extends the deadline for businesses to apply for PPP loans to August 8<sup>th</sup>
- Approximately \$130 billion still available



# 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

# SBA and Treasury Announce New EZ and Revised Full Forgiveness Applications for the Paycheck Protection Program

- Released on June 17, 2020
- The EZ application requires fewer calculations and less documentation for eligible borrowers. Details regarding the applicability of these provisions are available in the instructions to the new EZ application form.
- Applies to borrowers that
  - Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number or hours of their employees; OR
  - Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19, and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%; OR
  - Are self-employed and have no employees



# IRS Releases Guidance on Sick/Family Leave

- Notice 2020-54 requires employers to report the amount of qualified sick and family leave wages paid to employees under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) on Form W-2.
- Employers will be required to report these amounts either on Form W-2, Box 14, or in a statement provided with the Form W-2. The guidance provides employers with optional language to use in the Form W-2 instructions for employees.

# EPA Enforcement Discretion



- The Environmental Protection Agency is terminating the enforcement discretion related to COVID-19 on August 31<sup>st</sup>
- 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**

# Virginia Department of Labor and Industry to Release Coronavirus Safety Rules

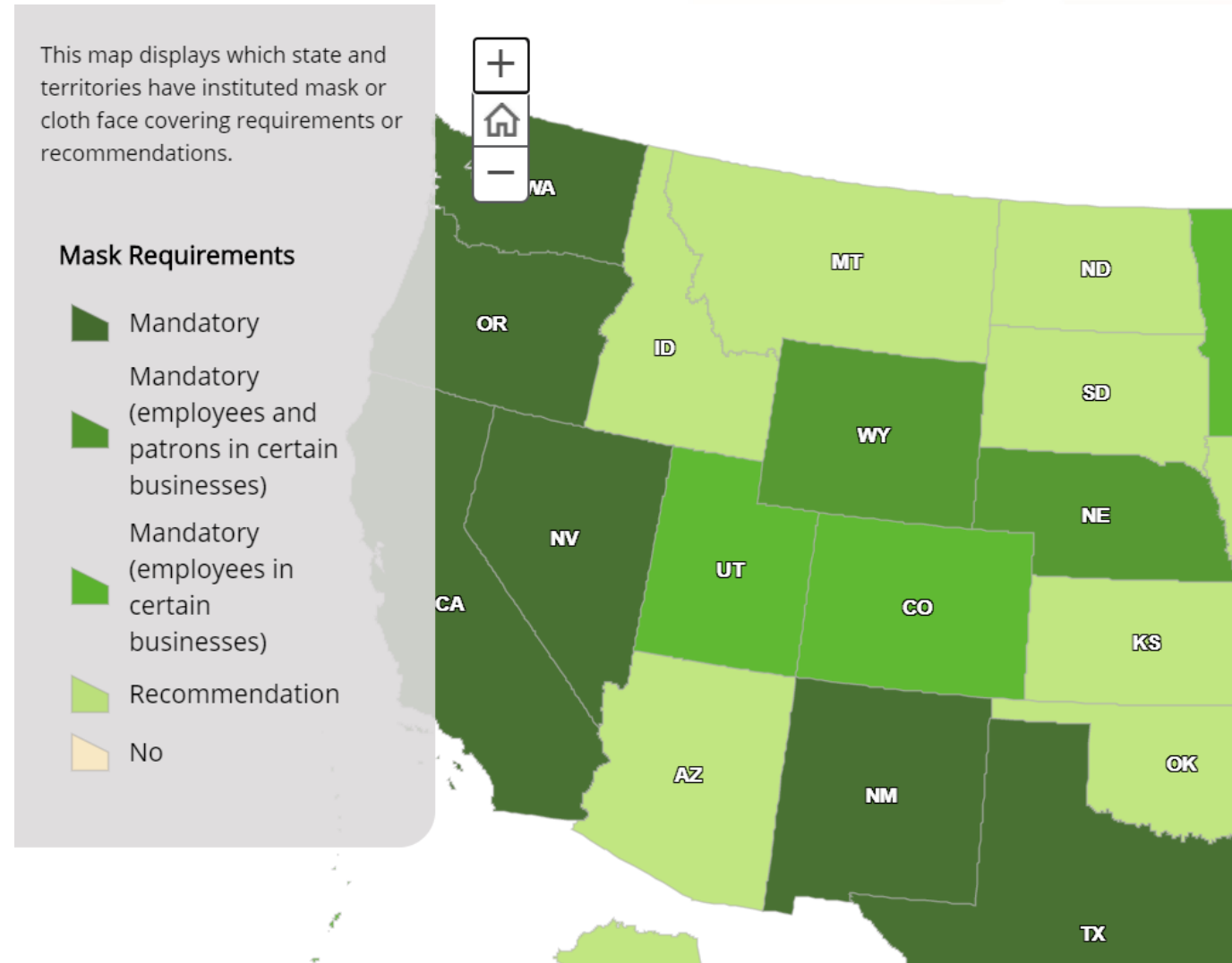
- First state in the US to propose such rules for all businesses
  - Others likely to follow (Oregon, for example)
- Board met again on July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Working to finalize language
- Categorizes businesses by risk level
- Some requirements mandatory for all businesses, others added for higher levels of risk
- Requirements likely to include:
  - Infection Disease Preparedness and Response Plan
  - Training
  - Physical distancing as well as sanitation, disinfection and hand-washing procedures

# COVID and Food Trade Policy

- China has instituted testing for some imported food related to potential COVID contamination
- Requiring/requesting exporters to validate their efforts on COVID
- Restricting some facilities that have had high levels of COVID infection
- USDA/FDA have made strong statement that COVID is not a food borne risk
- US and EU raised these concerns at recent WTO meeting

# 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

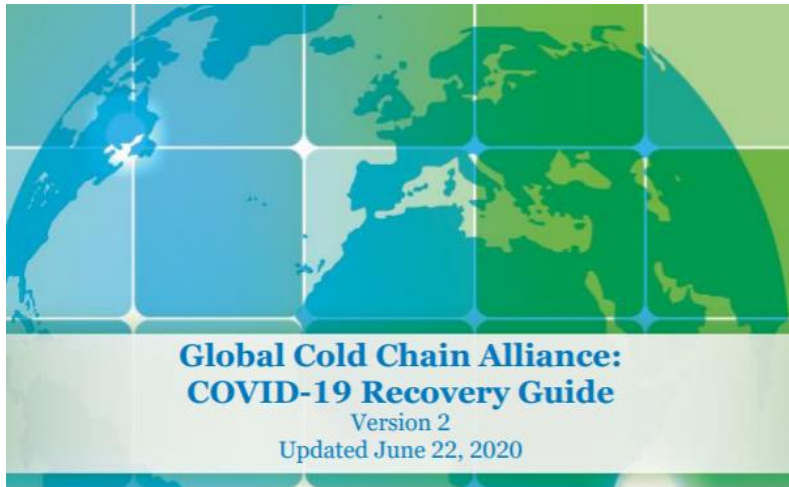


# GCCA Resource: COVID-19 Recovery Guide

- 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



# Bringing Your Workforce Back On-Site



- [BacktoWorkSafely.org](https://www.backtoworksafely.org)
- Cushman & Wakefield
- Dow “Return to Work Playbook”
- FMI– The Food Industry Association
- Small Business Legislative Council



# Ensuring Continued Safety and Well-Being



Global Cold Chain Alliance:  
COVID-19 Recovery Guide

Version 2  
Updated June 22, 2020



- Hand Sanitizer
- Sourcing PPE
- Maintaining PPE
- Temperature Screening
- Food Industry Protocols
- Cleaning Supplies and Vendors
- Labor and Workforce Solutions





# 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. \*

## 3PL Supply Chain Forum

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### 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

# 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 28<sup>th</sup>



# COVID-19 Information Survey

- GCCA would like your feedback on your operations, needed COVID-19 information and your preferred information delivery format
- Survey will take 2 minutes and is anonymous



# 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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# QUESTIONS?

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