

CMA Weekly Update



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This week marks one year since pandemic health restrictions began, but the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter. According to the latest data from the CDC 41 million Americans are now fully vaccinated and willingness to get vaccines is increasing. Your organization can help manufacturing workers get armed against COVID with new resources available through our “This Is Our Shot” campaign [here](#).

Key Issues

Defending Tax Reform NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons testified before the Senate Committee on Finance on Tuesday to push forward a post-partisan consensus on several key manufacturing priorities – including how important tax reform has been for manufacturers’ competitiveness. You can read the full testimony [here](#).

- In his testimony, Jay also stressed the need to strengthen supply chains and highlighted the NAM’s [supply chain policy recommendations](#).

Pursuing a National Strategy with China As the Biden Administration continues to signal a strong, ally-driven approach to China, the NAM laid down a strong marker to strong call for a dedicated, comprehensive China strategy.

We have called for a strategy that reflects the fact that China will be “a necessary partner, a fierce economic competitor and a major rival challenging American global influence,” and must address longstanding complaints related to Chinese trade and economic practices while also boosting the ability of manufacturers and workers to compete and access in China. Details on our policy proposals are laid out in Jay’s [letter](#).

Emergency Temporary Standard In January, President Biden [directed](#) OSHA to “consider whether any emergency temporary standards on COVID-19, including with respect to masks in the workplace, are necessary, and if such standards are determined to be necessary, issue them by March 15, 2021.” While the deadline

has passed, the NAM is closely monitoring the potential for a decision to be issued. At this time, OSHA has not released public information on its determination but as soon as more information becomes we will share details with CMA partners.

OSHA Enforcement On Friday, OSHA launched a [national emphasis program](#) focusing enforcement efforts on companies and specific industry sectors that have demonstrated the highest risk of spread of COVID-19. This new enforcement program is [effective immediately](#). A list of primary targets from the new NEP can be found [here](#) and secondary targets [here](#). The agency signaled that the program seeks “to substantially reduce or eliminate coronavirus exposure for workers in companies where risks are high, and to protect workers who raise concerns that their employer is failing to protect them from the risks of exposure.” More information on the NEP can be found [here](#).

2021 Manufacturing Leadership Awards Winners Announced The Manufacturing Leadership Council (MLC), a division of the NAM, revealed the list of world-class manufacturing companies and individual leaders set to receive recognition as winners of the 2021 Manufacturing Leadership Awards. ML Awards winners will be honored on May 19, 2021, during the virtual Manufacturing Leadership Awards gala. To see a list of the 2021 Manufacturing Leadership Award winners, click [here](#).

Advocacy Opportunities

- **Help Manufacturers. Send a Unified Message to the State of California**
The California Office of Health Hazard Assessment is proposing regulatory changes that would change labeling requirements for consumer products sold in the state, threatening to disrupt manufacturing supply chains nationwide. Interested associations can [sign on here to a letter](#) asking the state of California to withdraw new Prop. 65 labeling rules under consideration.
- **Join NAM's Push on PIP** Manufacturers need the EPA to amend the Final PIP (3:1) Rule to extend the compliance deadline for downstream products to avoid significant disruption to the economy and the manufacturing industry. Background details can be found [here](#), and you can plug in by emailing my colleague [Michael O'Brien](#).

Coming soon: Joint Industry Letter on DREAMers Look for information soon about another opportunity to join a joint industry letter calling for Senate action to address the legal status of DREAMers.