

NAM COVID-19 Update
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This evening, the House of Representatives passed a new COVID-19 relief package. The legislation, which passed the Senate yesterday, includes \$310 billion in funding for the Paycheck Protection Program. The Small Business Administration issued an updated FAQ document today for PPP lenders and borrowers to provide guidance on application submissions, secondary sales of PPP loans and eligibility for businesses with large company ownership. You can read the FAQ [here](#).

Here are some other recent updates:

Immigration Executive Order

President Trump issued an [executive order](#) last night temporarily suspending permanent legal immigration into the United States—and we know you may have questions. The order, which goes into effect tonight at midnight, provides a 60-day pause for the issuance of most green cards for individuals outside the country, including employment-based and family-based immigrants. It does not impact temporary workers but mandates a review of those programs. Immigrants are a critical part of our communities and workforce, and our team is closely reviewing the order to understand its full impact. You can contact NAM Director of Innovation Policy [Stephanie Hall](#) with questions. And read more about the NAM's immigration principles in "[A Way Forward](#)."

States Begin Outlining Back to Work Plans

The NAM is closely monitoring the impact of "back to work" orders for manufacturing operations and working with state partners to safely and responsibly shape the reopening of our economy. A number of states, including Montana, Colorado, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia, have begun to outline plans that relax restrictions for "non-essential" businesses. But while some states are moving to restore normal business operations, manufacturers continue to face additional policy challenges. Late today in Illinois, for instance, our partners at the Illinois Manufacturers' Association notched a win for manufacturers after a judge issued a temporary restraining order limiting emergency rules giving employees broad latitude to file for workers' compensation benefits if infected by COVID-19. You can stay on top of these developments through our Manufacturers' State Affairs Program, which you can [sign up for here](#). You can also monitor the NAM's compilation of state-by-state orders [here](#).

Recap of NAM-MLC Webinar

A recap of Wednesday's webinar hosted by the NAM and the Manufacturing Leadership Council on best practices for preparing operations for a return to work, as well as what manufacturers can do to ensure employees are confident that facilities are safe and ready for business, is available [here](#).

Please keep visiting the regularly updated [nam.org/coronavirus](#) site for the latest information. You can read the NAM's "[American Renewal Action Plan](#)," which is being closely read and evaluated within the administration and Congress. And read our "[Pandemic Liability Policy Recommendations](#)" policymakers should follow to ensure manufacturers are protected as they continue stepping up to aid our country with essential equipment and supplies.

As always, email our Response Team at responseteam@nam.org with any questions or feedback.

Best,

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