

NAM COVID-19 Update
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It is distressing to see the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in many areas of the country. But though we clearly still have much work to do to overcome this pandemic, there is no doubt we have already come a long way.

The NAM has detailed manufacturers' efforts to fight the pandemic and help lead relief efforts in a new report released today. You can read the report [here](#). It also captures the ways the NAM has supported the industry and how together we have secured action from Congress and the administration. I hope you'll take a few minutes to read and share the report with your teams, and know that we'll continue to drive action to see us through the recovery and on to renewal.

SBA Releases New PPP Loan Forgiveness Application

The Small Business Administration has released an updated application form for Paycheck Protection Program borrowers seeking loan forgiveness. Under the PPP Flexibility Act, which the NAM shaped and supported, borrowers receiving PPP loans prior to June 5 will have the option to choose either an eight-week or a 24-week "covered period" during which they can spend their loan proceeds. You can view the new form [here](#), the form instructions [here](#) and the SBA's rule implementing the changes [here](#).

Supreme Court Rules on DACA, Sides with Manufacturers

At least 27,000 DACA recipients are frontline health care workers, and many others are filling other critical roles in our nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All Dreamers are a critical part of our communities and workforces. That's why the NAM celebrated the Supreme Court's decision today that left the program intact. You can read the NAM's press release on today's decision, how manufacturers helped achieve this outcome and our next steps [here](#).

Federal Infrastructure Investment for an American Renewal

Infrastructure investment will be key to the nation's recovery, and the NAM's "[American Renewal Action Plan](#)" calls for historic investments in our nation's infrastructure. To help ensure these investments are made in an effective way, the NAM conveyed manufacturers' priorities to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee ahead of a [markup](#) on surface transportation legislation. We will keep working to ensure the industry's feedback is incorporated as legislation moves forward. You can read the NAM letter [here](#) and learn more about the NAM's infrastructure priorities [here](#).

Rethinking Manufacturing Worker Safety: Integrating Technology Webinar

Employers are now faced with decisions around crafting policies and practices that maintain social distance between their employees. In a webinar on Monday, June 22, at 2:00 p.m. EDT, you can learn about ways to integrate technology to streamline processes and maximize investment in technologies. Senior-level executives from Accenture and Samsung will be on hand to explore the use of management systems, creative uses of existing tech and multi-use technology—all with the goal of keeping manufacturing employees safe. Click [here](#) to register.

State of the Industry: A Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Economy

On a webinar next Tuesday, June 23, at 1:00 p.m. EDT, NAM Chief Economist Chad Moutray will lead a discussion on the near-term outlook for the manufacturing industry in America and the global manufacturing supply chain. Moutray will be joined by leaders from Plex Systems and MachineMetrics. Click [here](#) to register.

Please keep visiting the regularly updated nam.org/coronavirus site for the latest information, including operational guidance, our policy plans and resources and an [updated breakdown of state and local orders](#).

If your company is looking for ways to contribute to COVID-19 relief efforts, you can connect with NAM partner [Good360](#). They help companies do good by distributing highly needed product donations to people facing challenging life circumstances—all through their global network of vetted nonprofit partners. Please reference the NAM as your source of referral so we can track the many positive contributions of our members.

Best,

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