

NAM COVID-19 Update
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As Congress races to finish a “phase three” COVID-19 legislative relief package, many states are imposing stricter restrictions on individuals and businesses. The National Association of Manufacturers is tracking all of these developments in real time and working to get you the most up-to-date resources.

Here are some of the latest developments:

State Restrictions and Essential Business

The federal government and states like California have listened to the NAM and declared that manufacturing is part of the essential workforce. The NAM is working closely with state and local partners to proactively encourage states and municipalities that choose to act to adopt the federal guidance directly and build on that where possible. Particular focus has been on restrictions in Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina and Ohio, while the NAM won broad “essential” designations for manufacturers in New Jersey and Illinois. The goal is to ensure that all manufacturers can remain operational to provide the goods that America needs to stay healthy and recover from this crisis.

View federal guidance from the Department of Homeland Security [here](#), and help us continue to improve the guidance by emailing CISA.CAT@cisa.dhs.gov and rjones@nam.org with detailed examples of why all manufacturing and supply chain is critical, life-sustaining infrastructure. Join us at 12:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, March 23, for a call to discuss the latest developments. RSVP [here](#).

Access the NAM’s COVID-19 State Resources page, which includes a continuously updated snapshot of state and local restrictions, [here](#).

Creators Respond, Manufacturers Mobilize

We continue working with the White House to provide coordination between manufacturers and the government to identify and match urgent needs with manufacturers’ capacity to produce and distribute supplies. Thank you to those who have already stepped up and shared information on how you can help. We have relayed that information. The White House is now asking manufacturers that can help produce vital supplies and component parts to fill out this [form](#).

We are also actively informing the America public, policymakers and the press about manufacturers’ efforts. Please send us your stories, social media posts and other ways we can share your efforts to responseteam@nam.org.

On Fox Business yesterday evening, I discussed the many ways manufacturers are responding to provide emergency supplies and to keep our workers and communities safe. You can watch [here](#).

Negotiations Continue on “Phase Three” COVID-19 Response Bill

Leaders from the Senate, House and Administration continue to negotiate on a broad package of measures intended to provide relief to industries and workers affected by the COVID-19 crisis. In [reports](#) late Friday, Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) noted that a handful of outstanding issues remained while Eric Ueland, the White House director of legislative affairs, said, “We believe there is a broad consensus, but there is no deal yet.” By Saturday morning, National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow [indicated](#) that the net impact of the package could

exceed \$2 trillion. The NAM will continue to ensure the unified voice of manufacturers is heard and to advocate for the provisions in our “COVID-19 Policy Action Plan Recommendations,” just as we did successfully as prior COVID-19 response bills were developed.

Read manufacturers’ plan [here](#).

As always, visit nam.org/coronavirus for the latest information, including state-specific resources, on ensuring the health of your employees, the NAM’s policy leadership and more. Email our Response Team at responseteam@nam.org with any questions or feedback.

Best,

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