

NAM COVID-19 Update
May 11, 2020

The NAM, along with our partners and allies across the country, have launched a coordinated effort to secure rational liability safe harbors in the next COVID-19 relief bill from Congress, consistent with our [policy recommendations](#). The NAM has equipped our partners with tools to facilitate and track outreach to lawmakers, as we build on last week's [call to action](#) from 289 associations. As the Senate Judiciary Committee prepares to debate the value and form of liability protections in a hearing tomorrow afternoon, we are working to educate members of the committee and their staffs about the importance of providing certainty for manufacturers that are striving to do the right thing. Contact NAM Vice President of Legal and Deputy General Counsel [Patrick Hedren](#) or NAM Assistant Vice President of Advocacy [Mike O'Brien](#) to take action or learn more.

FEMA to Hold Online Pandemic Response Meeting

Consistent with the NAM's recommendations, FEMA will soon announce a "Meeting to Develop Pandemic Response" to coordinate the efforts of critical medical resource manufacturers and distributors. The web conference is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. EDT, and we expect FEMA will open registration this week. We will share that registration when it is available, and we encourage producers of critical medical supplies to register and participate.

Call to Action for Manufacturers of Medical Supplies

At the request of the White House and senior administration leaders, manufacturers of critical personal protective equipment and medical supplies will receive a "call to action" for information on next-level engagement and capacity expansion. This call will be delivered to those firms that have produced PPE and medical supplies as well as those that have previously responded to NAM surveys.

NAM to Convene Manufacturing Communicators on Wednesday

To update industry communications leaders on the latest COVID-19 strategies, the NAM Communications and Brand Strategy team is hosting a call on Wednesday, May 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EDT. Interested participants can RSVP to mboucher@nam.org.

This afternoon on [Fox Business](#), I discussed the outlook for the American economy, manufacturers' leadership during this crisis and why America's manufacturing workers are counting on our fellow citizens to continue following public health best practices, including wearing face coverings.

Please keep visiting the regularly updated nam.org/coronavirus site for the latest information, including operational guidance, our policy plans and state-specific resources. If you are looking for ways to contribute to COVID-19 relief efforts, we encourage you to email our Response Team at responseteam@nam.org with any N95 or Tyvek suit donations. You can connect with NAM partner [Good360](#) to donate items to families. 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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