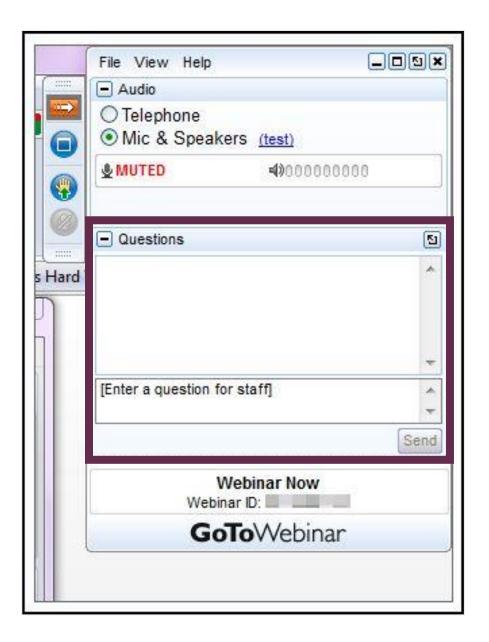


# GCCA Update on COVID-19

September 17, 2020





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## Agenda

- Regulatory and Governmental Updates
- GCCA Recovery Guide and Resources
- Upcoming Events
- Q&A



## Trump Executive Orders: Unemployment

- Two options: \$300 without additional state funds or \$400 with state funds
- Initially \$44 billion from the Disaster Relief Fund is available to support the program
- Funds are depleting quickly
- Trump Administration considering another Executive Order to provide additional funds and extend the period of payments



## Trump Executive Orders: Payroll Tax

- Authorizes voluntary deferral of employee side payroll taxes September 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020
- IRS has issued guidance: IRS Notice 2020-65
- Applies to employees with bi-weekly pay of less than \$4,000 (pre-tax)
- Employers are not required to defer the payment of payroll taxes
- From January 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021, the employer must "ratably" deduct any deferred employee OASDI taxes from the wages paid to the employee
  - Penalties and interest could apply if deferred taxes are not paid timely
- Legislation has been introduced to forgive the deferral and Trump has stated that if re-elected he would forgive the deferred taxes and make the policy permanent.

## Senate Republican "Skinny" Bill

- Senate voted on Republican proposal last week
- Garnered 52 vote (all Republican) but need 60 to pass
- Key Provisions Included:
  - Liability protection
  - \$300 federal unemployment payments
  - Funding and Improvements to PPP program
- Next steps are unclear
- Some discussion about further breaking up the package and voting on individual provisions – but this strategy appears unlikely

## **Prospects for Legislation**

- Price of the bill remains the biggest stumbling block
- Democrats insisting on at least \$2.2 trillion
- Bi-Partisan Problem Solvers Caucus exploring a \$2 trillion package
- White House indicating willingness to go up to \$1.5 trillion
- Senate Republicans still around the \$1 trillion (or less) number
  - Concerns that the higher the price, the fewer the number of Republican Senators will support
- Limited number of legislative days before end of fiscal year and politicians leaving DC for the campaign trail

## PPP Small Business Enhancement Act

- GCCA has signed a coalition letter in support of H.R. 7894, the Paycheck Protection Program Small Business Enhancement Act
- If passed, this act will:
  - Provide businesses that have experienced a reduction in gross receipts of more than 20% as compared to last year with the opportunity to apply for a second Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan
  - Allow 501(c)(6) nonprofits, like local chambers and trade associations, to receive PPP loans for the first time
  - Permit business to use PPP loan funds on protective equipment and COVID-19 testing expenses



## OSHA Issues COVID Citations to Meat Plants

- OSHA has recently cited to meat production facilities for violations related COVID
  - Fines ranged from \$13,494 to \$15,615
- The citations allege that the facilities did not take adequate precautions to protect workers from COVID hazards
- OSHA relied on the General Duty Clause for the citations
- Companies have indicated they plan to contest the citations and NAMI has criticized the OSHA action
  - Union also criticized OSHA, but for not going far enough



# States Continue Development of COVID Standards

- Virginia standard went into effect July 27, 2020
- Oregon published a draft standard on August 17<sup>th</sup> and plans to finalize in September
- Washington, other states also considering standards



# GCCA Statement on Safety of Food and Food Packaging

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#### Statement Regarding the Safety of Food and Food Packaging

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The Global Cold Chain Alliance (GCCA) has played an active role in developing resources to help...

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## **Concerns Over Safety of Food Packaging**

"Based on the science related to the survivability of the COVID-19 virus on surfaces and that fact that this is a respiratory illness, primarily transmitted person-to-person, the risk of infection through contact with food packaging is extremely low."

> Dr. Don Schaffner, Professor of Food Science, Rutgers University Member of the GCCA Scientific Advisory Council

### **Related Guidance:**

- Scientific Advisory Council
- Guide: "Talking to the Media About COVID at Your Facility"



## **Construction Business Impact Survey**



2020 CEBA COVID-19 Cold Chain Business Impact Survey Summary



First of its kind research into the economic and operational impact of the coronavirus pandemic on controlled environment building construction.

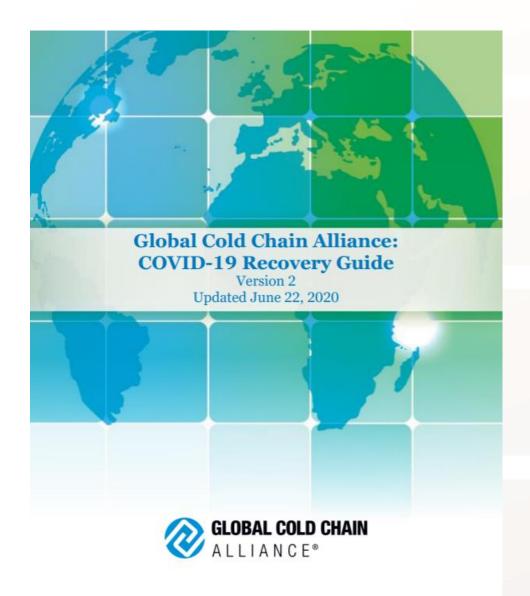
Full report is available on the GCCA website.

## GCCA Resource: COVID-19 Recovery Guide

Follow-up to GCCA COVID-19 Rapid Response Guide.

Guides businesses through two stages of recovery:

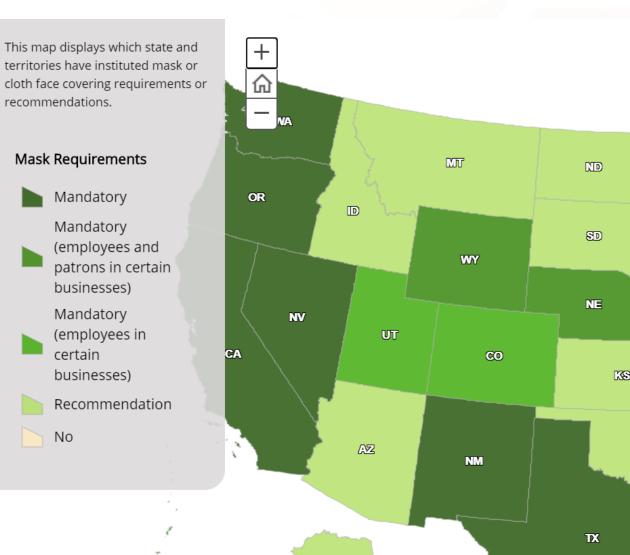
- Bringing your workforce back on-site
- Ensuring continued safety and well-being



## Tracking Reopening State-by-State

National Governors Association's interactive map tracks metrics such as:

- Mask orders
- Allowable gathering sizes
- Interstate travel restrictions
- Stay at home orders



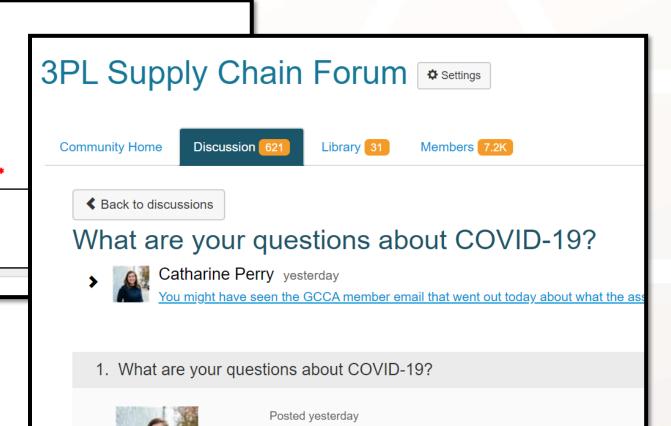
## **GCCA** Resources

- WFLO Scientific Advisory Council
- GCCA Online Communities

#### What is the urgency of your request? \*

- Orgent
- Somewhat Urgent
- Not Urgent

Please describe your inquiry with as much detail as possible. \*



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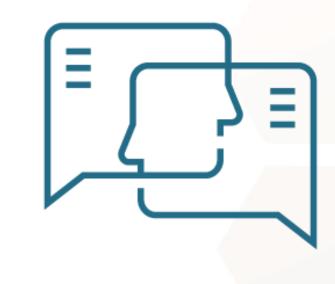


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- HR
- Construction
- Transportation





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Andrew Busch, Outside Advisor to the White House and Former United States Chief Market Intelligence Officer

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- What businesses and your industry are doing to adapt
- What are the opportunities to thrive from the reopening and the election





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  - Supply Chain and Transportation
  - Customer Engagement

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