

Chat Log COVID-19 Update from GCCA July 23, 2020

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:20 AM: GCCA has joined the Small Business Legislative Council to issue a letter to Congress requesting support for small business recovery efforts.

Read more at:

<https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/COVID-19%20Package%20Letter%20to%20Chairman%20Neal%20Ranking%20Member%20Brady%20and%20Honorable%20Members%20of%20the%20House%20Committee%20on%20Ways%20and%20Means%20%28002%29.PDF>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:22 AM: Senator Ernst (R-Iowa) has introduced the FRNT LINE Act that would provide tax relief to essential workers. Read more at

<https://www.ernst.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=1292E4B6-2334-47CD-A9B8-5133A10BEAAF>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:25 AM: GCCA has joined the Small Business Legislative Council to issue a letter to Congress requesting support for small business recovery efforts.

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Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:26 AM: Congressmen Graves (R-LA) and Cuellar (D-TX) have introduced the “Get America Back to Work Act” in the House that provides liability protections from claims regarding the spread or transmission of COVID-19. Read more:

<https://garretgraves.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/graves-bipartisan-legislation-offers-stability-a-mid-covid-19>. GCCA has signed a letter of support for this legislation. Find it at:

https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/HR%207528%20_%20Assn%20Support%20Letter.pdf

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:28 AM: The state of Virginia has become the first state to adopt enforceable workplace safety regulations related to COVID-19. Read more:

<https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/COVID-19-Emergency-Temporary-Standard-FO-R-PUBLIC-DISTRIBUTION-FINAL-7.17.2020.pdf>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:33 AM: Lowell spoke to local media in Cleveland, Ohio regarding the status of meat and poultry production. Read the article at

<https://www.cleveland.com/news/2020/07/meat-and-poultry-supplies-no-longer-a-serious-concern-processors-and-grocers-say.html>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced its plans to resume inspections as early as the week of July 20. Read the full announcement at

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-prepares-resumption-domestic-inspections-new-risk-assessment-system>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:40 AM: EPA has announced that the enforcement discretion related to COVID-19 will end on August 31. Learn more at

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-06/documents/covid19addendumontermination.pdf>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:41 AM: GCCA has conducted a study on the impact of COVID-19 on the cold chain. Find key highlights from our COVID impact study at <https://www.gcca.org/about/press/key-findings-gcca%E2%80%99s-2020-covid-19-cold-chain-business-impact-survey-show-changes-ahead>.

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:42 AM: GCCA invites members of our core partner, CEBA, to share the impact that COVID-19 is having on the controlled environment building industry. CEBA members can complete a less than four-minute survey at https://gcca.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Gvul63G5dkHAAI

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:49 AM: GCCA has aggregated several guidance documents on reopening business and sourcing PPE in a new document called our "COVID-19 Recovery Guide." Find Version 2 online at <https://www.gcca.org/resources/responding-coronavirus>

Version 10 of our "Rapid Response Guide" can be found at <https://www.gcca.org/resources/responding-coronavirus>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:51 AM: The National Governors Association is tracking state-level response to the pandemic. Find the latest at <https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/#states>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:53 AM: There is still time to register for our Virtual Policy Forum at www.gcca.org/events

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:56 AM: OSHA has updated guidance on COVID recordability in the workplace. It reinforces that COVID is a recordable illness but recognizes the difficulty of workplace determination given community spread. The memo is available at <https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-05-19/revised-enforcement-guidance-recording-cases-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

OSHA has also released the guidance on how they are enforcing COVID-related compliance issues. Find it at <https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-13/interim-enforcement-response-plan-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

OSHA has created a guidance poster for reducing worker exposure in meat and poultry facilities. Download the resource at <https://www.gcca.org/resources/news-publications/blogs/osha-issues-poster-how-reduce-covid-19-spread>

OSHA has issued guidance for returning to work. This guidance is not a standard or regulation, and it creates no new legal obligations. The recommendations are advisory in nature, informational in content, and are intended to assist employers in providing a safe and healthful workplace. Find it at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA4045.pdf>

OSHA has issued guidance in the form of an FAQ on Face Coverings in the workplace. Read about it at: <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/national/06102020>

OSHA has launched a website with coronavirus-related guidance for construction employers and workers to reduce the risk of exposure. Learn more at: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/construction.html>

On April 16, OSHA issued this memo of discretion in enforcement when considering an employee's Good Faith Efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic:

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-16/discretion-enforcement-when-considering-employers-good-faith-efforts-during>