

Chat Log: COVID-19 Update from GCCA May 28, 2020

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:07 AM: Congressmen Thompson (R-PA) and Evans (D-PA) have introduced the AG CHAIN Act to extend tax relief to food supply chain workers. Read more: <https://thompson.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/thompson-and-evans-introduce-bill-extend-tax-relief-food-supply-chain>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:11 AM: The U.S. Small Business Administration has released the application that businesses will submit to their lender to apply to have their Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans forgiven: <https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/SBLC%20Alert%20-%20May%2019%202020.pdf>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:13 AM: GCCA has co-signed a letter calling for fixes to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Read more about our requests at <https://www.uschamber.com/letters-congress/coalition-letter-fixes-the-paycheck-protection-program>.

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:14 AM: GCCA has co-sponsored two letters to the U.S. Congress advocating for common sense liability protection. The first (<https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/Essential%20Businesses%20Letter%20for%20the%20Record%20-%205.12.20.pdf>) was sent to the Senate Judiciary committee on May 12. The second was sent on May 27 to all members of Congress. (https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/200527_Coalition_CoronavirusLiabilityProtections_Congress.pdf)

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:17 AM: USDA and FDA have signed an MOU regarding the potential expansion of the Defense Production Act to other parts of the food supply chain. Cold storage is specifically mentioned in the MOU. It doesn't necessarily mean that the DPA will be expanded, but it gives the process by which USDA and FDA will work together if it is expanded. Read more at <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2020/05/19/usda-fda-strengthen-us-food-supply-chain-protections-during-covid>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:19 AM: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has released guidance on reporting a food facility closure or significantly reduced production. Read more at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/reporting-temporary-closure-or-significantly-reduced-production-human-food-establishment-and>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:21 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>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:26 AM: 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>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:27 AM: The Department of Homeland Security has released version 3.1 of its "Identifying Critical Infrastructure" memo: https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version_3.1_CISA_Guidance_on_Essential_Critical_Infrastructure_Workers.pdf

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:28 AM: USDA and FDA have released joint guidance for addressing shortages of PPE in the food and agriculture sector: <https://www.fda.gov/food/cfsan-constituent-updates/fda-and-usda-release-recommendations-those-food-and-agriculture-sector-experiencing-shortages-ppe>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:29 AM: The Food and Beverage Issues Alliance has created a website at www.feedingus.org with guidance on a number of workplace protocols for those involved in the food industry.

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:30 AM: If your facility is full and you need overflow space, or if you have capacity and would like to fill it, please contact Alice McKinnon at amckinnon@gcca.org

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:31 AM: Version 10 of our "Rapid Response Guide" can be found at the top of the page at <https://www.gcca.org/resources/responding-coronavirus>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:32 AM: Food and Agriculture has been given priority access (after healthcare workers) to PPE. A list of 40 distributors who have been urged to give the food industry priority access can be found at https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/Top_40_US_Industrial_Distributors.xlsx Find a customizable form letter at <https://www.gcca.org/sites/default/files/PPE%20Request%20Form%20Letter.docx>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:33 AM: The National Governors Association is tracking state-level response to the pandemic including plans to reopen businesses and loosen stay-at-home orders. Find the latest at <https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/#states>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:34 AM: Find our reopening resources at <https://www.gcca.org/resources/responding-coronavirus>. Look under the "Reopening Business" tab.

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:35 AM: Ask questions of your industry colleagues and share helpful information at <http://community.gcca.org/home>

Global Cold Chain Alliance (to All - Entire Audience): 10:47 AM: Find suppliers for thermal temperature scanners at <https://community.gcca.org/communities/community-home/digestviewer/viewthread?GroupId=193&MessageKey=708836ce-1a49-4c23-8f6e-b0b0d7d565b5&CommunityKey=c9fc9621-d401-496d-8eb6-a78578fb3d32&tab=digestviewer&ReturnUrl=%2fcommunities%2fcommunity-home%2fdigestviewer%3fcommunitykey%3dc9fc9621-d401-496d-8eb6-a78578fb3d32%26tab%3ddigestviewer%26ssoToken%3d6d0f6dcb-0832-47e0-af4e-51a7b7edde9f%26Site%3dGCCA&ssoToken=0a203626-c89b-48c1-957b-a33d094fb606&Site=GCCA>

An attendee also shared that they ordered from a California-based company by contacting Rob Morris at rob@ondisplay.io.