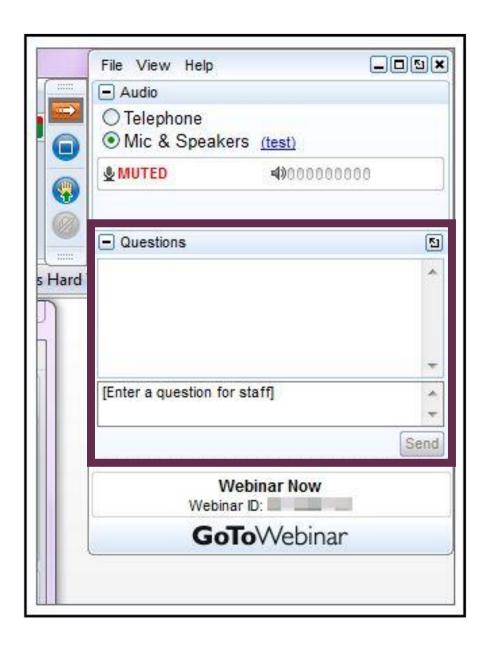


# GCCA Update on COVID-19

December 17, 2020







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# Agenda

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



### **COVID** Relief Legislation

- Negotiators working to reach agreement before end of year
- Would be packaged with FY 2021 funding
- Current discussions around a \$900 billion total package
- Unemployment benefits \$300 federal payment/week
- Direct payments ~ \$600 per adult
- \$257 billion Paycheck Protection Program
- Funding for vaccine distribution, healthcare, schools
- Most controversial issues: liability protection and state/local funding
  - Likely these issues will be dropped and considered again in in 2021

# Paycheck Protection Program – Provisions under consideration

- Additional funding for "second draw"
- Streamlining forgiveness
  - Focus on loans under \$150,000
- Tax deductibility



### Biden COVID Plan – First 100 Days

- Masks for 100 days
- 100 million vaccinations in 100 days
- Open most schools by end of 100 days
- Additional economic stimulus/relief has indicated the \$900 billion being discussed won't be enough – more will be needed
- COVID Advisory Team also announced



### Vaccine Logistics

- FDA issued Emergency Use Authorization for Pfizer vaccine on December 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Moderna approval expected soon
- GCCA coordinating with Operation Warp Speed
- Current plans for distribution point of production to point of administration
  - Leveraging UPS and FedEx
- Anticipated supply chain volumes/footprint



#### Vaccine Prioritization

- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) released interim recommendations on December 1
- Highest priority group "Phase 1a" includes health care workers (HCWs) and long-term care (LTC) residents – about 17.6 million people.
- Committee now considering "Phase 1b" likely to include essential workers – about 87 million people
- Phase 1c Likely 65 and older and those with high risk estimated 53+ million seniors and over 100 million individuals with high-risk medical conditions
- States also going through prioritization process

#### Vaccine Prioritization – Phase 1b

- GCCA working with industry partners to communicate need for priority access to vaccines (behind healthcare and high risk)
- Signed joint comments and letters to federal and state governments
- Urging prioritization of essential workers in food and agriculture
- "Front line workers" with hands-on role in food production, storage and distribution) and other critical employees, such as:
  - Certain food and CPG processing/production, logistics, maintenance, sanitation, and other employees, working onsite or off-site, who are critical for operations to remain functional
  - Certain distribution and supply chain truck drivers
- Members are encouraged to start planning for which employees would be in Phase 1b
- Should consider staggering shifts with the potential for adverse reactions to the vaccine

#### **EEOC** and Vaccines

- New Q&A published by EEOC selected questions:
- If an employer requires vaccinations when they are available, how should it respond to an employee who indicates that he or she is unable to receive a COVID-19 vaccination because of a disability?
- If an employer requires vaccinations when they are available, how should it respond to an employee who indicates that he or she is unable to receive a COVID-19 vaccination because of a sincerely held religious practice or belief?
- What happens if an employer cannot exempt or provide a reasonable accommodation to an employee who cannot comply with a mandatory vaccine policy because of a disability sincerely held religious practice or belief?

## OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard

- Biden has stated that his Administration will develop an Emergency Temporary Standard on COVID for enforcement by OSHA
- Would initially apply for 6 months give time for likely development of a permanent standard
- Likely similar to what states have done (VA, MI, OR, CA)
  - Focus on application of CDC and OSHA guidance
- Critical that facilities have COVID plans in place and can document policies and operations to protect workers
- Expect increased inspections and enforcement related to COVID

# **Business Impact Surveys**



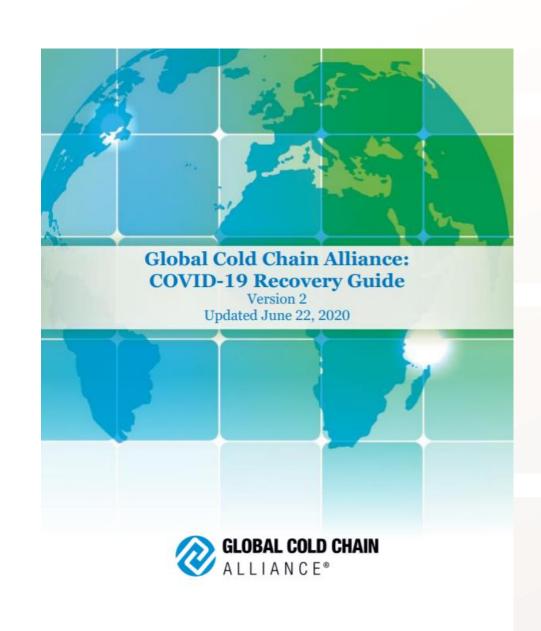


# GCCA Resource: COVID-19 Recovery Guide

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



# Critical Infrastructure Designation and Badges

#### **INSERT COMPANY LOGO**

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#### FIRST NAME LAST NAME

Company Name

Facility Address Line 1
Facility City, State Zip
United States

Designated Essential Critical Infrastructure Worker by U.S. Department of Homeland Security CISA

Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce

#### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

- Workers supporting groceries, pharmacies, convenience stores, and other retail (including unattended and vending) that sells human food, animal/pet food and pet supply, and beverage products, including retail customer support service and information technology support staff necessary for online orders, pickup and delivery.
- Restaurant carry-out and quick serve food operations, including dark kitchen and food prep centers, and carry-out and delivery food employees.
- Food manufacturer employees and their supplier employees—to include those employed in food ingredient
  production and processing facilities; livestock, poultry, seafood slaughter facilities; pet and animal feed
  processing facilities; human food facilities producing by-products for animal food; beverage production facilities;
  and the production of food packaging.
- Farmers, farm workers, and agribusiness support services to include those employed in auction and sales: grain
  and oilseed handling, processing and distribution; animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and
  distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm
  and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically and for export.
- Farmers, farm workers, support service workers, and their supplier employees to include those engaged in
  producing and harvesting field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; biodiesel and renewable diesel
  facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs.
- Employees and firms supporting the distribution of food, feed, and beverage and ingredients used in these
  products, including warehouse workers, vendor-managed inventory controllers and blockchain managers.
- Workers supporting the sanitation and pest control of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail.
- Employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary for agricultural production and distribution.

#### TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

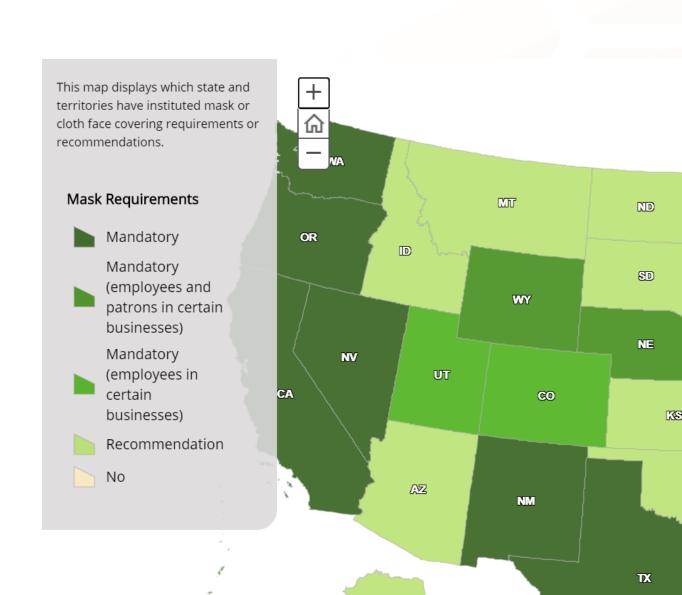
- Workers supporting the distribution of food, pharmaceuticals (including materials used in radioactive drugs) and
  other medical materials, fuels, chemicals needed for water or water treatment and energy Maintenance and
  operation of essential highway infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and tunnels (e.g., traffic operations
  centers and moveable bridge operators).
- Employees of firms providing services, supplies, and equipment that enable warehouse and operations, including cooling, storing, packaging, and distributing products for wholesale or retail sale or use. Includes coldand frozon-chain logistics for food and critical biologic products.
- Warehouse operators, including vendors and support personnel critical for business continuity (including HVAC & electrical engineers; security personnel; and janitorial staff) and customer service for essential functions.
- Employees supporting or enabling transportation functions, including truck drivers, bus drivers, dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, warehouse workers, truck stop and rest area workers, Department of



# Tracking Reopening State-by-State

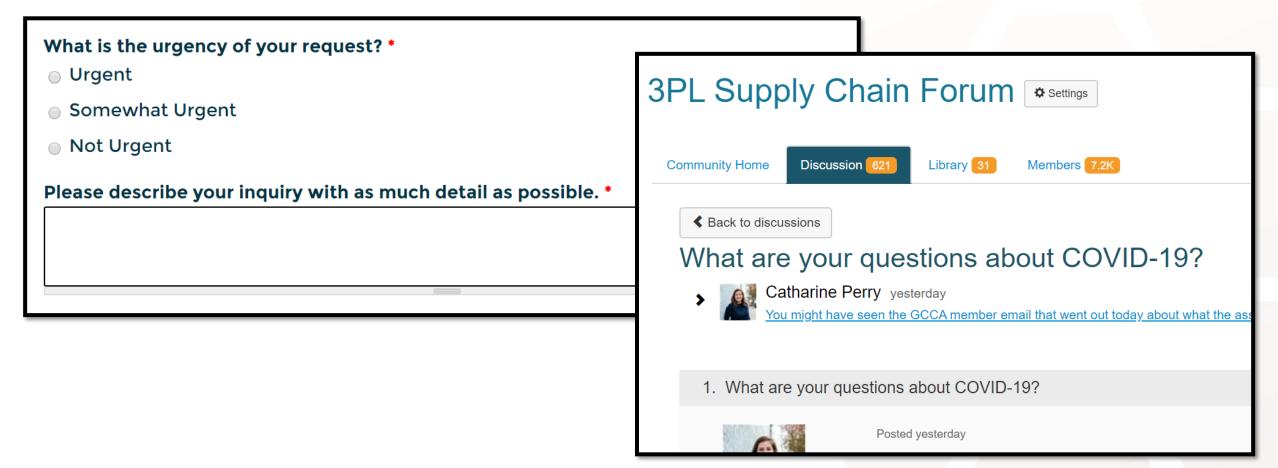
National Governors Association's interactive map tracks metrics such as:

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



#### GCCA Resources

- WFLO Scientific Advisory Council
- GCCA Online Communities



#### QUESTIONS?

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