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Dear GPI Members:

Here is today's COVID-19 update from GPI:

Essential Business & Operations Guidelines and Orders

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Administration (CISA) federal guidelines on [essential infrastructure functions](#) was revised this afternoon, and now includes "workers needed to maintain the continuity of these manufacturing functions and associated supply chains."

GPI Member Supply Chain Information & Draft Letter

GPI encourages our supplier member companies to make the case that our industry's raw materials, recycled glass, equipment, technology, labeling and all other elements are part of the critical supply chain for our food and beverage customers. We encourage all members companies to consider [using this draft letter to support our ongoing efforts.](#)

GPI Continued Outreach to Governments

GPI and member companies continue to engage with federal, state and local officials regarding critical supply chain designations. This effort has resulted in glass container manufacturing and our supply chain being recognized in State Executive Orders in **California, Pennsylvania** and **Ohio**.

State Executive Orders on Essential Manufacturing & Business Restrictions

GPI continues to follow the executive orders as they are issued, and their impact on manufacturing. Below are states with Executive Orders.

California - Governor Newsom's Order for for essential businesses [follows the CISA guidelines](#). On March 21st, the State issued [additional specific guidance](#), noting glass container manufacturing, and its supply chain as essential business operations. This order went into effect on March 19th.

Connecticut - Governor Lamont's Order [follows the CISA guidance](#). In addition to the CISA covered sectors, trash and recycling services (including hauling and processing) [are specifically called out in his order](#), as being permitted to continue. The Order goes into effect today (Monday, March 23rd) at 8 pm.

Illinois - Governor Pritzker's [Executive Order](#) was issued on March 20th. It covers a range of industries and essential businesses, including the broad-based manufacturing and supply chain for food and beverage companies, along with recycling industries and services. It went into effect on March 21st.

Louisiana - Governor Edwards' [Executive Order](#) goes into effect today (Monday, 5 pm). It follows [CISA guidelines](#), which covers essential operations that covers food and beverage manufacturing companies, and all support supply chain and connected logistical/transportation/warehouse companies.

Maryland - Governor Hogan's [Executive Order](#), issued today, and largely follows CISA guidelines. It goes into effect at 5 pm EDT today.

New Jersey - Governor Murphy issued his [Executive Order](#) on March 21st. "Essential businesses" are broadly defined, and include all industrial and manufacturing work, in addition to food and beverage manufacturing supply chains. It went into effect at 9 pm March 21st.

New York - Governor Cuomo's [Executive Order](#) largely follows CISA guidance, but also specifies food, beverage and connected manufacturing supply chains as essential businesses. Recycling services (and processing) are also included on the list. It went into effect at 8 pm yesterday (March 22nd).

Ohio - Governor DeWine [issued his Executive Order](#) on March 22nd. It also follows the CISA guidance, and in addition, highlighted glass container manufacturing and suppliers as permitted to operate, along with recycling-based services. This order goes into effect today, March 23, at 11:59 pm.

Oregon - Governor Brown [issued an Executive Order today](#). No impact on glass container or supply chain operations.

Pennsylvania - Governor Wolf's order, issued last week, was amended on March 21st. The state [will align with CISA guidance](#), but also included a specific-industry essential & non-essential list. [This list has been updated to include glass product manufacturing](#) as an essential business operation.

Tennessee - Governor Lee signed an [Executive Order](#) on March 22nd. Limitations only for social gathering establishments. No restrictions on industry in place. Order goes into effect March 23rd.

Virginia - Order Issued March 23 (not yet online)

Connecticut and Vermont - These states have paused enforcement of bottle bill redemption at retail outlets. Recycling activities are generally able to continue, at a hauling/recycling company's discretion.

National Association of Manufacturers (NAM): Earlier today, GPI participated on a CISA briefing, hosted by NAM legal counsel. NAM's guidance to states and localities is to follow the CISA guidelines, and in addition, highlight the role of manufacturing and its supply chain partners, as key to supporting essential businesses and infrastructure. NAM is also updating [its state directives list](#).

Communication Outlets: To stay up-to-date on GPI news and COVID-19 developments, follow GPI on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), and visit our [News & Events page](#). GPI encourages all member companies to follow COVID-19 [business guidance](#) provided by the U.S. regulatory authority, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Please reach out to me directly with any questions at the office 703-684-6359, sdefife@gpi.org, or my cell if urgent, 703-537-6202. Know that you can also contact Bryan Vickers with GPI's member services department, bvickers@pacellp.com, 703-403-2882, with any questions or inquiries.

Thank you,

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