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Dear GPI Members:

Below is a list of activities, resources and information you may find helpful developed in response to COVID-19.

Recycling Services, Operations and Bottle Bill Programs:

- While we understand the need for retailers to focus on operations adjustments to adhere to social distancing guidelines, we are concerned about reports that some retail groups are using the COVID-19 crisis as an opportunity to relitigate bottle redemption programs. GPI will continue to work to ensure that states understand the essential nature of cullet to the container supply chain, as well as all other raw materials and related industry supply chain functions and equipment. The Container Recycling Institute (CRI) has created a database housing bottle bill program enforcement and other developments, as they are issued by states. [Click here to access this information.](#)
- *WasteDive* is continuing to follow developments related to curbside, drop-off and recycling operations as they unfold. [Click here](#) for their latest information.

National Association of Manufacturers (NAM):

- Yesterday, Scott DeFife participated in an informative webinar (**presentation attached**), hosted by NAM and the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). NAM charted out in several graphs operational activity from a survey of over 250 manufacturers this past week, and SHRM has helpful guidance on workplace safety guidance and requirements. We also encourage your company to take a [brief survey from NAM](#), to see if your company has urgently needed personal protective equipment (PPE) in stock.

State Restrictions and Essential Business Designations:

- States, *and counties within states that do not yet have an Executive Order from the Governor*, continue to issue "essential business operations only" directives, and other parameters surrounding workplace activity. Over the past two days, Colorado issued its order for [essential business only operations](#), joining counties in Florida and Georgia, as those Governors have not issued statewide orders. Glass container manufacturing and our supply chain partners [remain covered under the Federal advisory](#), issued by the Dept. of Homeland Security's CISA Division.
- NAM continues [maintaining a resource](#) to track emerging state and local restrictions.

Latest Congressional Action:

- Last night, the Senate passed a [massive relief and emergency funding bill](#) in response to COVID-19. The bill is expected to pass a House vote in the next day or so. While most of the funding is tied to individual financial assistance, hospitals, schools, agency emergency response and state/local governments, there are provisions to incentivize employers retaining workers over the next three months, small business loans, changes to net operating loss deductions, and withholding of certain employer payroll taxes. GPI will provide an overview of the business provisions in our next update. Please be aware that these provisions are mainly geared at businesses with 500 or fewer employees, and additional requirements need to be met, in order to apply.

GPI Communication Outlets - 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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