

National Association of Manufacturers

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The CDC and OSHA have jointly released comprehensive manufacturing-specific guidance that details the steps companies need to take to protect their workforce, and you can read the new guidance [here](#).

Securing these recommendations has been a top priority for your NAM because manufacturers need clarity on the best ways to keep workers safe. This was a key part of our “[American Renewal Action Plan](#),” and one that we [raised directly](#) with the Department of Labor.

### **SBA Extends PPP Repayment Deadline**

Yesterday, I shared that the Small Business Administration released new guidance on the Paycheck Protection Program’s economic necessity certification requirement. To give businesses time to review the new guidance, the SBA has now extended the repayment deadline to May 18 for applicants who cannot certify their loans’ economic necessity. For more information, take a look at questions 46 and 47 on the SBA’s [PPP FAQ document](#).

### **NAM Member Offers Best Practices for Facility Safety**

This morning, NAM member Click Bond, Inc., presented at the spring meeting of the CDC/NIOSH Manufacturing Sector Council at the National Occupational Research Agenda on the company’s strategies for containing COVID-19 at their facilities. The council brings together researchers, business and health experts to identify and implement strategies to increase workplace safety. You can read Click Bond’s presentation [here](#).

Please keep visiting the regularly updated [nam.org/coronavirus](https://nam.org/coronavirus) site for the latest information, including operational guidance, our policy plans and resources and an [updated breakdown of state and local orders](#).

If you are looking for ways to contribute to COVID-19 relief efforts, we encourage you to email our Response Team at [responseteam@nam.org](mailto:responseteam@nam.org) with any N95 or Tyvek suit donations. You can connect with NAM partner [Good360](#) to donate items to families. Please reference the NAM as your source of referral so we can track the many positive contributions of our members.

Best,

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