

National Association of Manufacturers

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I spoke with Secretary of Defense Mark Esper this morning, and I was able to provide manufacturers' view on how the administration can use the Defense Production Act and other incentives constructively to help manufacturers meet the massive demand for PPE across all sectors of the economy. I also explained why we need COVID-19-related liability protections to strengthen manufacturing and the defense industrial base. The NAM will continue to work with top officials across the administration to support recovery and renewal efforts in every way we can.

### **Mexico Reverses Course on Manufacturing Delay After NAM Advocacy**

Yesterday, after Mexico pushed back the planned opening date for a number of manufacturing sectors from May 18 to June 1, the NAM spent the day in constant contact with senior U.S. and Mexican government officials to change that—and early today, Mexico's Ministry of Health reversed course. A [new clarification](#) in Mexico's Diario Oficial (Federal Gazette) would allow newly designated essential sectors—transportation manufacturing (including automotive and aerospace), mining and construction—to restart operations prior to June 1 if health security protocol processes have been established and approved before that date. [Click here](#) for an unofficial English translation of the new, clarified guidance. As always, you can contact NAM Senior Director of International Economic Affairs [Ken Monahan](#) regarding NAM efforts in Mexico and globally.

### **CDC COVID-19 Mitigation Guidelines**

In addition to the joint [OSHA and CDC guidance for manufacturers](#) released earlier this week, the CDC continues to roll out additional resources for [mitigating COVID-19](#) in communities, schools and [places of employment](#). These tools are designed to help you think through public health considerations and operational decisions, and you can find specific information on decision trees for workplaces [here](#).

### **Webinar: Navigating the FDA and Other Federal Agencies During COVID-19**

The NAM will host a webinar on Thursday, May 21, at 11:00 a.m. EDT on navigating the Food and Drug Administration and other federal agencies during COVID-19. The conversation will provide a better understanding of relevant federal agencies and their current operations so that manufacturers can make informed decisions when it comes to producing or purchasing certain FDA-approved and other needed items in the COVID-19 environment. Click [here](#) to register.

### **FEMA Pandemic Response Meeting**

Consistent with the NAM's call for better PPE demand projections in response to the current crisis, FEMA has [announced](#) a "Meeting to Develop Pandemic Response" to coordinate the efforts of critical medical resource manufacturers and distributors. As I mentioned on Monday, the web conference is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. EDT, and the deadline to register is Wednesday, May 20, at noon. More information is available [here](#). We encourage producers of critical medical supplies to register via email [here](#) with all requested contact information and participate.

Please keep visiting the regularly updated [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](#) 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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