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AEM recognizes the immense impact that the current COVID-19 pandemic is having on our member companies, their employees, suppliers and customers, as well as partner sectors such as agriculture and construction. We are working closely with the U.S. Congress, the Trump Administration, and state and local governments to make sure they take the necessary legislative and administrative steps to mitigate the harm that the crisis is having on equipment manufacturers. Our top priority is focused on ensuring the health and safety of our member companies, their employees, our staff, and our partners.

Here are some of the latest developments:

**COVID-19 Legislative Relief Summary and Highlights**
AEM has put together a comprehensive summary of the three COVID-19 legislative relief packages and key provisions that support equipment manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors, including the Payment Protection Program, Economic Stabilization Loans, and Deferral or Employer Payroll Taxes. If you have any questions about either of the bills or specific provisions contained therein, please contact AEM’s Response Team at ResponseTeam@aem.org.

**Small Business Guide**
AEM, in partnership with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, has put together a guide to help equipment manufacturers prepare or file for a coronavirus relief loan under the CARES Act. The document outlines the steps small businesses should take in order to access funds to help keep their workers on the payroll as they navigate the unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. AEM will develop additional resources as the CARES Act is implemented in the weeks and months ahead.

**AEM Urges Governor Inslee to Deem Constructive Projects as “Essential”**
AEM joined Associated Equipment Distributors (AED) in a letter urging Washington Governor Jay Inslee to reconsider broad restrictions placed by the state on construction activity. In the letter, the two associations emphasized that shutting down construction projects in Washington jeopardizes continued relief and prevention efforts surrounding COVID-19.

**State Activities**
AEM has been monitoring activities taken by Governors as they continue to issue closure orders and other guidance, and we are in close contact with their staff to make the case that our industry should be deemed “essential.”

Notable for today’s update is that the Governor of Arizona issued a state-wide shelter in place order, the Governor of Florida issued a shelter in place order for some Southern Florida counties, and the Governor of Mississippi ordered residents of Lauderdale County to stay at home, and the Governor of Texas
ordered residents stay at home except for essential services. The map below summarizes each state’s status. For all of the latest information, please visit our dedicated state by state tracker.

Many states have implemented initiatives that halt various economic activities

Business-related state mitigation strategies

AS OF MARCH 31, 2020
- Stay-at-home orders/advisories
- Closed bars and/or restaurants
- Closed non-essential businesses

Canada Activities

AEM has put together a comprehensive overview of what our member companies in Canada should know about which workplaces are deemed essential. This resource will be updated as new information becomes available.

AEM is also in the process of creating an online resource that provides an overview of activities, as well as updates of actions taken by the federal and provincial governments that affect manufacturing operations. This resource will be available tomorrow (Wednesday, April 1).

Do you have questions or need to get a hold of AEM’s Advocacy Team? E-mail our Response Ream at responseteam@aem.org with any questions or feedback.

As always, if you have any questions about AEM’s ongoing efforts, need assistance with a specific issue, or would like to share how the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic is impacting your business, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at keideberg@aem.org.

Best,
-Kip