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**AEM is committed to providing you with the latest updates, information, and resources to help you navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and the unfolding economic crisis. In order to keep these e-mail updates relevant and the information timely, we may adjust the frequency of the e-mails over the coming days and weeks.**

This week AEM will release the findings from its CEO survey, which outlines the current challenges facing member company executives, explores what they say about the business outlook amid the current crisis, and identifies what support they would like to see from the federal government. We will share the findings as well as reactions in Wednesday’s update.

AEM is working closely with Governors across the country as they begin to develop strategies for opening up their economies. As the plans come together, it is imperative that they include provisions that will help equipment manufacturers in the coming weeks and months. To that end, next week we will submit a series of recommendations to Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, who has formed a Business Advisory Council charged with developing a set of recommendations for re-starting Texas’s economy. Please reach out to us if you have specific ideas on steps that should be taken to put the Texas economy back together when the time comes.

Here are some of the day’s other developments:

**DOL Issues Interim Guidance for Safe N95 Decontamination**
The Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued interim enforcement guidance on reusing disposable N95 masks that have been decontaminated. This guidance applies to workplaces where employees need respirators to protect against exposure to infectious agents, such as SARS-CoV-2. If respiratory protection, such as N95 masks, must be used, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has identified available research that suggests the certain methods offer the most promise for decontamination. Read the guidance here.

**ICYMI: Allen Engineering Responds to COVID-19 With Calm, Decisive Operational Leadership**
In today’s Industry Advisor, AEM featured the latest in a series of AEM member profiles detailing responses to the current COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the equipment
manufacturing industry and the markets its serves. Allen Engineering’s Jay Allen talks about his company’s response to the pandemic and what he’s doing to ensure normalcy for his employees, while also protecting their health and safety. Read Allen Engineering’s profile.

Mark Your Calendar: AEM Offers Trio of Webinars on COVID-19
As part of its ongoing support of members in their efforts to weather the COVID-19 pandemic, AEM is pleased to offer a trio of webinars to provide timely and relevant information during these difficult times.

- Tuesday, April 28 at 12 p.m. CT – Impact to Agriculture: COVID-19 and the Future of Agriculture
- Thursday, April 30 at 1 p.m. CT – Maintaining a Culture of Safety Through COVID-19 and Beyond
- Tuesday, May 5 at 1 p.m. CT – Wargaming for Business: Improving How to Forecast During a Crisis

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 Governors of Hawaii and Illinois have extended the duration of the previous stay at home orders. Governors of New Jersey and New York announced the indicators needed before reopening the state. The Governors of Colorado and Mississippi announced the resumption of limited operations for certain businesses. The Governor of Washington announced new health and safety guidance for construction businesses to begin limited operations.

The Illinois Workers Compensation Commission (IWCC) formally withdrew a rule that created a presumption that the workplace was the cause of a COVID-19 infection. The IWCC’s announcement comes after AEM expressed the undue burden this rule potentially placed on manufactures and businesses. AEM members continue to follow the latest CDC guidance to disinfect facilities and protect workers from contracting COVID-19.

Now that state governments are transitioning into re-opening strategies, we are providing a new U.S. map showing when state shelter-in-place orders and stay-at-home advisories expire.

For all of the latest information, please visit our dedicated state by state tracker.
Canada Activities

Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau highlighted the opening of applications for the Canada Emergency Wage subsidy through the Canada Revenue Agency. He stated that as of 11 a.m. this morning there had already been over 10,000 applications to the program.

Today’s highlights and updates from Canadian provinces include:

- **Alberta**: Premier Jason Kenney has announced that former Member of Parliament and business executive James Rajotte will lead Alberta’s office in Washington, effective May 1. The province also announced the Site Rehabilitation Program, which will provide grants to oilfield service contractors to perform well, pipeline, and oil and gas site reclamation work.

- **Ontario and Quebec**: Premiers Ford and Legault both announced the rough frameworks they intend to follow to begin loosening public health restrictions. However, there were few details as to when the changes will occur.

We continue to update our resources on Canadian activities on [AEM’s COVID-19 resources page](https://www.aem.org/covid-19). You can also click here for the latest updates from Ottawa and all the provinces.

Do you have questions or need to get a hold of AEM’s Advocacy Team? E-mail our Response Team at [responseteam@aem.org](mailto: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,
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