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As Congress continues to address other pressing issues, they also remain steadfast in finding new ways to repair the damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. During yesterday's Senate Republican Lunch, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and lawmakers discussed the next legislative package to provide relief to families and businesses. POLITICO reports that Mnuchin said of the plans, "We're going to take our time and make sure that we're thoughtful. Whatever we do, it will be much more targeted, much more focused on jobs — bringing back jobs — and making sure we take care of our kids."

From the state to the federal level, AEM is engaging elected officials to share our industry's priorities and ensure there is continued support from all levels of government to help small and medium-sized businesses, as well as the 2.8 million men and women of our industry. Yesterday, AEM hosted Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly for a members-only call, where she provided an update on the work she is doing to support the state's equipment manufacturers as the state moves forward into economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here are some of today's developments:

AEM Members Highlight Industry with Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly

Yesterday, AEM hosted a members-only call with Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly. During the call, Gov. Kelly answered questions from industry leaders, ranging from her plans to support Kansas' agriculture and rural communities, to her support for continued investment in infrastructure improvements. Gov. Kelly said, "Equipment manufacturers currently play a central role in Kansas' local economies, and will play a pivotal role in rebuilding Kansas' economy." AEM is grateful to Gov. Kelly for her time during yesterday's call, and we look forward to continue working with her to advance our industry's priorities and help support the economic comeback in Kansas.

[For more details on the call, please see the statement issued by the Governor.](#)

House Dems are "Moving Forward" on Infrastructure

As we previously mentioned, House Democrats recently released H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act. The bill uses the surface transportation reauthorization bill, the INVEST in America Act, as its base and adds to it several additional titles. The House Rules Committee will meet next week to discuss the legislation, floor rules, and amendments for consideration. As we have previously

broken down the surface transportation components in detail, we will be using this update to outline the newly added pieces of the bill that pertain to equipment manufacturers, though this is not an exhaustive list of all provisions in H.R 2.

[We have put together an outline for you, which is available on our website.](#)

Department of Education Announces New State Grant to Expand Technical Educational Opportunities

Yesterday [the Department of Education published a notice in the Federal Register on a new grant program](#). The Reimagine Workforce Preparation Grant, a \$127.5 million competitive grant to state workforce boards, seeks to expand educational opportunities through short-term, career pathways or sector-based education and training programs (priority one); and support local entrepreneurship through small business incubators (priority two). State workforce boards will work in partnership with business and trade organizations, employers or groups of employers, Standards Recognition Entities (SREs), Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), third-party intermediaries who help employers design and implement work-based learning programs, and other education and training providers as subgrantees. States may apply for a grant pursuing a program in priority one or two, but not both. The Department of Education expects that the project period will be up to three years, with an average award of \$15 million and approximately eight to nine grants awarded. The deadline for notice of intent to apply is July 13, 2020 and the final application will be due Aug. 24, 2020.

OSHA Offering Live Stream COVID-19 Guidance Training

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration will be offering virtual training sessions, led by agency experts on how to best to prepare workplaces for COVID-19.

Areas covered in the sessions include:

- How to draft an exposure control and pandemic response plan and procedures;
- How to train employees in best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases;
- How to properly use personal protective equipment (PPE) to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases;
- How to develop and implement effective policies and procedures to support and isolate employees exposed to COVID-19; and
- How to assess your employees' on-the-job exposure risk and implement social distancing strategies appropriate for your business operations.

All trainings have an Interactive Live Stream option. The first training will be live on June 30. [Click here to register.](#)

State Activities

AEM has been monitoring activities taken by Governors as they continue to issue closure and

reopening orders. We are in close contact with their staff to make the case that our industry is establishing health and safety protocols to protect both employees and customers.

Notable for today's update is that a county in Idaho announced the closure of certain businesses. The Governor of Virginia announced the resumption of limited operations for certain businesses in the coming days. The Governors of Connecticut, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York, and Washington have published important guidance for businesses.

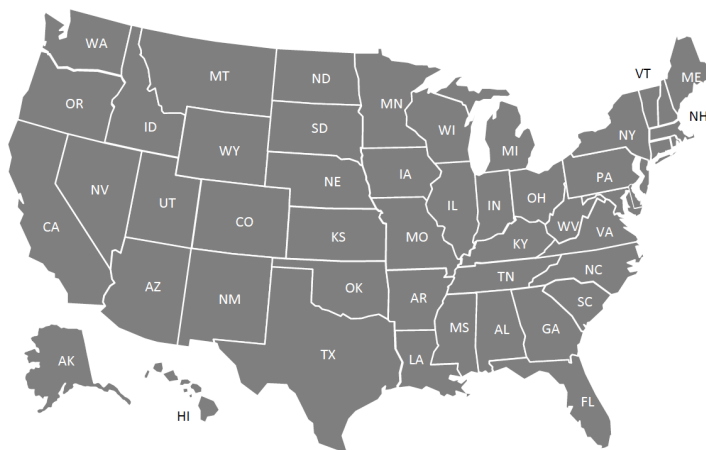
Now that state governments are transitioning into re-opening strategies, we are providing a new U.S. map showing when state shelter-in-place orders and stay-at-home advisories expire.

Some states have started to reopen parts of the state for business

Which states are reopening?

AS OF JUNE 24, 2020

■ Partial reopening ■ Order lifting or reopening soon ■ Shut down or restricted



Ten states did not implement stay-at-home orders **until April 1 or later**

- MA
- RI
- CT
- NJ
- DE
- MD

Sources: New York Times



For all of the latest information, [please visit our dedicated state by state tracker.](#)

Canada Activities

At the federal level, Public Services and Procurement Minister Anita Anand announced that the government will be moving, where possible, to a competitive bid process now for COVID-19-related protective equipment. The Labour Minister also announced changes to extend time periods for temporary layoffs to allow employers more time to recall laid-off employees.

Today's updates from the provinces include:

- **British Columbia:** The provincial government introduced the COVID-19 Related Measures Act, legislation that will allow for the provisions created for citizens and businesses in response to the pandemic to be formalized and unwound as appropriate after the provincial state of emergency ends.

- **Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island:** The provinces will open up an Atlantic “bubble” on July 3 to permit travel among these four provinces without the 14-day quarantine. Visitors from other provinces will still have to adhere to the 14-day quarantine requirement.

We continue to update our resources on Canadian activities on [AEM’s COVID-19 resources page](#). 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 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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