March 26, 2020

To: PMA Colorado Members

On Wednesday, March 25, 2020, Colorado Governor Jared Polis issued an executive order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by requiring all residents of Colorado to stay at home unless engaging in necessary activities or working at critical businesses. This follows a previous order that required a reduction in the workforce at non-critical businesses by 50 percent. The new full stay-at-home order took effect Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 a.m. and is set to last through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2020.

The accompanying Public Health Order outlines the 12 Critical Businesses that are considered essential under the executive order and are not required to close. Critical Businesses are encouraged to observe social distancing practices to the extent possible. The Critical Businesses list includes Critical Manufacturing (page 6, part 3), including:

- Food processing, manufacturing agents, including all foods and beverages
- Chemicals
- Computers and computer components
- Medical equipment, components used in any medical device, supplies or instruments
- Pharmaceuticals
- Sanitary products
- Telecommunications
- Microelectronics/semiconductor
- Agriculture/farms
- Household paper products
- Any business that produces products critical or incidental to the processing, functioning, development, manufacture, packaging or delivery of any of the categories of products included in this subsection
- Any manufacturing necessary to support a Critical Business

Also included as a Critical Business are those companies working in the defense industry (page 8, part 10) including:

- Defense and security-related operations supporting the State of Colorado, local government, the U.S. Government or a contractor for any of the foregoing

The state has also been approved by the Small Business Administration for companies seeking disaster loans for up to $2 million. Information on SBA loans as well as other information relevant to Colorado businesses can be found at the Colorado COVID-19 Business Resource Center.

Please feel free to reach out to us at any time with questions.