March 30, 2020

To: PMA Kansas Members

On Saturday, March 28, 2020, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly issued an executive order to limit the spread of novel coronavirus in Kansas by requiring all residents stay at home unless engaging in essential activities or working at essential businesses. The stay-at-home order took effect Monday, March 30 at 12:01 a.m. and is set to last at least through Sunday, April 19, 2020.

Kansas has developed a framework for identifying essential functions that are to remain operational under the stay-at-home order to ensure the continuation of critical services and infrastructure. The Kansas Essential Functions Framework (KEFF) was developed using the Department of Homeland Security CISA List and focuses on four areas: Connect, Distribute, Manage and Supply.

Under KEFF, manufacturing is included under the Supply area: “Manufacture Equipment Used for Essential Functions or Critical Infrastructure (As defined by DHS)” (page 5, KEFF 400 Supply No. 4). The Supply area also contains defense contractors as essential businesses that “provide Material and Operational Support to Defense” (page 5, KEFF 400 Supply No. 11). KEFF also includes those businesses in the supply chains for other essential businesses: “Maintain Supply Chains for Essential Functions and Critical Infrastructure (as defined by DHS)” (page 3, KEFF 200 Distribute No. 2).

If you are uncertain if your business is exempted under the executive order you can email KEFF@ks.gov to determine if your functions are deemed essential. You may also submit a request to be deemed essential under KEFF by filling out the online request form.

The state has been approved by the Small Business Administration for companies seeking disaster loans for up to $2 million.

The situation is very fluid and, while PMA is a national organization, we are mobilizing all of our resources to assist our members throughout the country. Working with our advocacy team in Washington, D.C., we have created www.onevoiceinfo.org as a one-stop resource for members to find links to the latest OSHA, CDC and local government resources, including workplace safety posters to print.

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