April 6, 2020

To: PMA Missouri Members

On Friday, April 3, 2020, Governor Mike Parson issued a statewide “Stay Home Missouri” Order for all individuals residing in the state. The order directs all residents to stay at home unless necessary to access essential services. The order is effective beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020, until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020.

Under the order, Missouri uses a federal definition of critical infrastructures to determine essential businesses. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) developed a list of essential critical infrastructure to determine the sectors, sub-sectors, segments or critical functions that should continue normal operations.

The CISA list includes Critical Manufacturing as Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce and classifies workers necessary for the manufacture of “materials and products needed for medical supply chains, and for supply chains associated with transportation, energy, communications, information technology, food and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, nuclear facilities, wood products, commodities used as fuel for power generation facilities, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, processing and reprocessing of solid waste, emergency services, and the defense industrial base. Additionally, workers needed to maintain the continuity of these manufacturing functions and associated supply chains, and workers necessary to maintain a manufacturing operation in warm standby” as essential, as well as “workers who produce or manufacture parts or equipment that supports continued operations for any essential services” (page 13, Critical Manufacturing). Manufacturers supporting the defense supply chain are also deemed essential (page 14, Defense Industrial Base).

Any business not deemed essential under the CISA list may continue to operate under the order, but must adhere to limitations on gatherings and not have more than 10 people in a space at one time. They must also follow social-distancing requirements, including maintaining six feet of space between individuals.

If your business is not defined as an essential businesses under the CISA list and you cannot continue to operate while following the limitations on gatherings and social-distancing requirements, but believe you are essential to public health and safety, you may apply for a waiver by submitting a request to the Department of Economic Development.

The situation is fluid and, while PMA is a national organization, we are mobilizing all of our resources to assist our members throughout the country. We’ve also created a coronavirus resource center on the PMA website, which is being regularly updated to provide members with important information and links to government resources.

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