

Jay Timmons  
President and CEO

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The White House  
Office of the Vice President  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Vice President Pence,

On behalf of the more than 12.8 million men and women who make things in America and the manufacturers we represent, I am requesting your intervention to provide CDC-approved protocols specifically designed for the manufacturing sector to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. For your awareness, I have attached a letter sent to Dr. Redfield last week and am elevating this request to you.

Manufacturing is considered an essential industry in many states, and manufacturers in America are eager to continue supporting our country and our economy during this time of crisis. As such, manufacturers continue operating with the health and safety of employees and their families as a top priority. Specifically, manufacturers require protocols from the CDC in the event that an employee is diagnosed with COVID-19. Manufacturers are seeking immediate answers to questions related to workspace and equipment sanitation as well as protocols on closing facilities if necessary. Realizing manufacturing production is energy, labor and cost intensive, a facility shutdown is not an action that is quick or easy to undertake, and this requested guidance is critical to clarifying the COVID-19 mitigation and response environment. Our members are unified in their need for the federal government to address these concerns immediately.

We are ready and willing to work together to support the COVID-19 Task Force and appreciate your urgent attention to this most pressing matter to keep manufacturers open and operating safely during this national crisis. Your team can connect with my Chief Operating Officer Todd Boppell ([TBoppell@nam.org](mailto:TBoppell@nam.org)) who is leading our COVID-19 response.

With all best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,



Jay Timmons

Attachment