

COVID-19 Resource Page

MCTA is working on behalf of its members and the industry as a whole to ensure they have the resources and relief to meet the demand for products and materials needed to help get the Commonwealth and the nation through this unprecedented public health crisis.

The chemical industry is rising to the occasion, ramping up production of hand and industrial sanitizers, protective gear, and medical equipment needed to protect health care workers and others providing essential services during the outbreak. At the same time, these companies are charting new paths as they activate home-based offices for administrative staff as well as address the needs of employees who have children at home, are caring for elderly parents, or are at risk themselves.

Thank you.

MCTA did its part to ensure that our industry was designated “essential” and exempted for a government shut-down. On March 23, the Governor’s order made that designation when it incorporated the Department of Homeland Security guidance that listed our industry as essential. Please note that, at this time essential businesses in Massachusetts, do not have to register nor are they required to supply letters to their employees designating them as essential. We will notify members if this changes. The American Chemistry Council (ACC) has provided a draft letter that can be adopted should the situation change.

We are currently working with the Baker Administration to extend reporting and compliance deadlines for Massachusetts industries and halt the implementation and promulgation of new regulations until this crisis has abated.

We are working with the American Chemistry Council and our peer Chemical Industry Councils across the country to track what is happening on the national front. Information is available on our website, www.masscta.org, or by clicking on <https://www.americanchemistry.com/COVID-19/>.

Lastly, we are keeping an eye on the legislature to ensure that only bills addressing COVID-19 and the budget make it to the floor. The legislature is still in session, and there is a possibility it may extend the session past the current July 31st deadline for adjournment.

We are just starting to put in place a system to keep our members aware of emerging issues that impact them. In the coming weeks, I will be sending out regular COVID-19 updates that provide a concise update on issues and events that impact our industry. We are also adding a dedicated section to our website containing news, articles, resources and industry updates. To visit our website, visit www.masscta.org.

Stay safe.

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