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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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COVID-19 RESOURCES

During this difficult time, numerous entities have built extensive resource lists for how to deal with the impacts of the coronavirus on our sector and on society in general. [INCMA has a resource list available online](#) that includes links to other organization's resource lists as well. A few of the site links are below:

- [AFS Resources](#)
- [IMA Resources](#)
- [Indiana Chamber](#)
- [NAM Resources](#)
- [US Chamber](#)
- [IN State Government](#)
- [IN Dept. of Workforce Development](#)
- [CDC Resources](#)
- [CISA Critical Infrastructure Sectors](#)

AFS COMPILES RESOURCES FOR RESPIRATORS

Continuing on the resources discussion, AFS has worked diligently to compile foundry sector related information. Recently, AFS relayed that foundries have asked questions regarding the legitimacy of specific respirators amid the COVID-19 pandemic. To address these concerns, AFS compiled resources that foundries can use to identify NIOSH-approved respirators versus counterfeits, as well as

foreign respirators that OSHA have deemed acceptable to use during the pandemic. [Click here to access the page regarding respirators.](#)



CDC ISSUES NEW INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

On April 8, 2020, the CDC issued new interim guidance for critical infrastructure workers which includes 16 sectors of workers such as law enforcement, 911 call center employees, fusion center employees, hazardous material responders (both governmental and private), janitorial and custodial staff, and those in food, agriculture, critical manufacturing (i.e. some foundries), IT, transportation, energy, and government facilities. To ensure continuity of operations for these essential functions, these employees may be permitted to continue working after exposure to

a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 under specific circumstances, if they remain asymptomatic and use additional precautions to protect coworkers and the community from further exposure. Several important practices must be implemented prior to, during, and after the work shift, as well as other considerations for an employee's participation in the workplace. [CDC's Safe Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers with Suspected or Confirmed Exposure to COVID-19 \[April 8, 2020\]](#)

AFS FLY-IN REPLACED WITH ONLINE ADVOCACY SUMMIT

The American Foundry Society announced that its 2020 Government Affairs Fly-In has been cancelled. Instead, AFS will host an online, three-hour "Advocacy Summit" on **May 19, 2020** beginning at 9 AM CST. The Summit will feature expert speakers including Labor Secretary Eugene Scalia, as well as interactive discussions and updates on how to affect positive change on key metalcasting issues. AFS

will also unveil new research documenting the economic impact of the foundry industry throughout the United States. Registration info. will be available soon.

WEBINAR UPDATE

The IN Chamber will host a webinar on Thursday April 16th titled COVID-19 – What to expect next from IDEM and the EPA in enforcement & permitting. [Register here](#)

IMA/Ice Miller are hosting a webinar on COVID-19 Update for Business Owners Wed. April 15th at 1:30 pm. [Register here](#)

CHAMBER ENERGY STUDY

In other news, the IN Chamber Foundation is initiating a new [comprehensive energy study](#) following a painful Session where few energy matters were resolved and contentiousness reined. The study will focus on state energy needs, production, consumption, pricing, economic impacts, regulations and public policy.

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