

July 23, 2020

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Chairman
National Governors Association
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Vice Chairman
National Governors Association
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governors Hogan and Cuomo:

As Governors, you have had to take the lead in responding to the coronavirus pandemic. Your leadership is critical now more than ever as we seek to address this ongoing national public health and economic crisis. We know that effective testing and contact tracing strategies must be a top focus as we work together in the months ahead to mitigate the impacts of this pandemic. **We, the undersigned organizations, call on our nation's governors to lead this effort to develop consistent protocols for testing and tracing across our 50 states to save lives and reopen our economy.** Partnering with safety, public health, health care and industry leaders, we can create a commonsense approach that uniformly implements known best-practices.

With up to 80% of people who are infected with COVID-19 being asymptomatic or having mild symptoms, knowledge that people are infected is key. State leadership is needed to expand testing systems, collect community results and data in a manner that maximizes safety and health, and organize contact tracing crews. Working directly with employers will drastically increase the speed and efficiency of these efforts.

Additionally, your leadership is needed to establish clear and consistent guidance that aligns with public health recommendations on wearing facial coverings, not only in business settings but also in all public settings. Facial coverings are shown to limit exposure to the coronavirus from asymptomatic people.

Without this leadership, we risk continuing the increase of infections and furthering economic shutdowns. Keeping workers healthy and safe is key to achieving a sustainable and lasting economic recovery across the country. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you to support our workers and the health and safety of all Americans.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association
Allied Research Technologies
American Association on Health and Disability
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
American Public Gas Association
American Scaffold, Inc.
AMP United
Arizona Chapter National Safety Council
Association of Energy Service Companies
Auxiliary Systems, Inc.
Chesapeake Marine Refrigeration
Council for Dredging and Marine Construction Safety
Day and Zimmermann, ECM
Dredging Contractors of America
DW Boyd Corporation
East Coast Repair & Fabrication

EM Ship Repair LLC
Florida Chamber Safety Council
G I INDUSTRIAL-MARINE LLC
Hampton Rubber Co.
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
International Safety Equipment Association
International Window Cleaning Association
Iowa-Illinois Safety Council
Knauf Insulation
LAA Consulting
Lakeshore Foundation
MHI Ship Repair, Norfolk, VA
Minnesota Safety Council
National Safety Council
National Safety Council - Nebraska Chapter
National Safety Council Ark-La-Tex Chapter
National Safety Council of Northern New England
National Safety Council Ohio Chapter
North Dakota Safety Council
Northeastern NY Safety & Health Council
Nutrien
Oklahoma Safety Council
Safety and Health Council of North Carolina
Safety Council of Western New England
South Dakota Safety Council
Southeastern Chapter National Safety Council
Técnico Corporation
Tennessee Safety & Health Council
Tree Care Industry Association
UL
Utah Safety Council
Wyoming Montana Safety Council