

To Our Valued Customers,

On Friday, March 20, 2020, Illinois Governor, JB Pritzker, issued an Executive Order announcing that Illinois (where our company, Liberty Fastener is located) will enact a “stay at home” policy to take effect at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 through Tuesday, April 7. The Order, however, lists the types of businesses that are considered essential and exempt from complying with this policy. In particular, Page 7, Section 12.t of the Executive Order lists the following businesses as essential:

“Manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as pharmaceutical, technology, biotechnology, healthcare, chemicals and sanitation, waste pickup and disposal, agriculture, food and beverage, transportation, energy, steel and steel products, petroleum and fuel, mining, construction, national defense, communications.”

At Great Lakes Rubber, we are and will remain committed to supporting many of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors “whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on the security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof.” (U.S. Department of Homeland Security Presidential Policy Directive 21, PPD-21).

Of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors defined in PPD-21, Great Lakes Rubber serves many of them, including but not limited to:

- Medical Equipment Manufacturing
- Defense Industrial Base
- Government Facilities
- Water
- Road and Bridge Construction
- Transportation Systems
- Food and Agriculture

**Based on these parameters, we want to reassure you that Great Lakes Rubber will continue to operate during regular business hours until further notice.**

In addition, in response to the dynamic situation regarding the spread of the coronavirus, Great Lakes Rubber will continue to intensify its COVID-19 Prevention Measures by following the directives of the CDC. Should you have any questions or need further clarification or information regarding our position on these critical matters, please contact me.

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