



## **Statement from IPANA Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic and Continuance of Essential Business Operations**

The Industrial Packaging Alliance of North America (IPANA) members and their suppliers are manufacturers of new industrial packaging and will continue their operations during the COVID-19 pandemic as “Essential Business” under the most recent executive orders issued by various states and municipalities. For example, both Pennsylvania and New Jersey (EO-104) have specifically listed industrial manufacturing as “essential” or exempt from the closure of their operations. An order was issued by Alameda County on March 16, 2020 [New Order Directing Individuals to Shelter at Home Except to Provide or Receive Essential or Engage in Essential Activities](#) that will allow members to continue their operations as “Essential Business” under Section 10.

IPANA members supply packaging that is used to transport and store goods that are part of the critical manufacturing sector supply chain as designated by the [Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#). Our members and their suppliers manufacture packaging that, without which, essential items such as food, healthcare products, energy and chemicals could not continue to be provided to these sectors. For this reason, IPANA members are “essential business services” within the meaning of all COVID-19 executive orders issued to date by the various state and local municipalities.

*The Industrial Packaging Alliance of North America (IPANA) is the primary association representing the interests of manufacturers of new industrial packaging and their suppliers in North America. Its goals include raising the visibility of industrial packaging and emphasizing its importance in the safe and reliable transport of goods throughout North America and the world. Its formation is a leap forward for manufacturers and suppliers interested in establishing a formidable resource to advance the industrial packaging industry, promote technological developments that improve product safety and reliability, and assure that domestic and international regulations are reasonable and necessary.*