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5 Considerations Manufacturers Are Making for the Path Ahead

A rolling wave of business closures across the United States has forced manufacturers to respond in agile ways. Many essential businesses have continued to operate as usual on their production floor but have often sent their office employees to work from home. As states and other municipalities discuss their plans to reopen, there are many considerations to make about if and when to return the full workforce to a physical facility.

These are some considerations that manufacturers shared in recent NAM and MLC webinars as they navigate the path forward. Note that this is not guidance from the MLC or the NAM, but examples of what companies are doing as part of the pandemic crisis response.



What About Sick Individuals?

For individual employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 or shown symptoms, the CDC's recommended guidelines include meeting at least one of the following criteria:

> 72 hours have passed since recovery and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

> Employee provides proof of negative COVID-19 test or written release from doctor