



Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
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All,

As you have heard, we are hitting a high increase in positive cases of Covid-19. I have heard that during the external audits done by DBR, that the manufacturers are passing with flying color. Governor Raimondo and Dr. Scott at a recent press conference endorsed RIMA's Covid-19 Audit program (see attached). RIMA believes this is just another pro-active program that all manufacturers should embrace and sign the attached document. The manufacturing sector has been the leader in establishing proper safety protocols as recommended by DOH in our facilities since this virus has raised its ugly head.

RIMA, Governor Raimondo, and Dr. Scott ask that each manufacturing facility and businesses to participate in this program. RIMA urges employers to meet with all employees to stress the need for their co-operation in preventing the spread of this deadly virus. We also need to urge their compliance in wearing masks needs on their personal time. If they become complacent on their own time, the potential is to bring this virus into your manufacturing facility. The impact to your facility is the potential cost of overtime, lost production, and the shortage of personnel to operate efficiently. The situation right now is very serious especially with the flu season coming upon us. Together, we can get this under control. In as much as we are asking to appoint an auditor to monitor various aspects of the safety protocols, it is the responsibility of management and each employee to be part of this audit program. The auditor is just a monitor, but each employee needs to be part of enforcing the guidelines of the established safety protocols for your company. RIMA and Polaris MEP have resources to visit your facility, train COVID Auditors and support your maintained compliance. We know the COVID guidance create obstacles for operations, but the state, RIMA and Polaris have people and programs to help you through these times. Please reach out to us.

Please give serious consideration to participating in this program. We need your assistance and co-operation to help stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus.
Thank you,

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