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IDEAS HOW TO KEEP TRUCK DRIVERS SAFE DURING COVID-19

Gas stations, convenience stores and transport drivers provide an essential service to communities across Michigan and keeping them safe and healthy is critical during this time of crisis. MPA/MACS has received questions about the risks associated with keeping hazmat transport drivers safe from the virus spread. With the shortage of drivers that already exists, this could create a huge problem in the industry if any drivers become sick and spread the virus to others. See page 2 for ideas how to keep truck drivers safe during COVID-19 crisis.

C-STORES SHOULD STOP SELLING SELF SERVICE UNPACKAGED FOOD AND USE CAUTION WITH SELF SERVICE BEVERAGES

As was reported in March 16, 2020 MPA/MACS Facts, Governor Whitmer ordered the closing of bars, restaurants and other places of public accommodation. The restrictions do not apply to convenience stores/gas stations. However, if a convenience store offers on-premise consumption that part of your business must be stopped. The question of whether self dispensing of unpackaged food and self service beverages was not directly addressed in the order. MPA/MACS is recommending any self service stations of unpackaged food should be stopped immediately. Continuing the use of self service beverages should be done with extreme caution.

HOW TO HANDLE CAN/BOTTLE RETURNS AT CONVENIENCE STORES

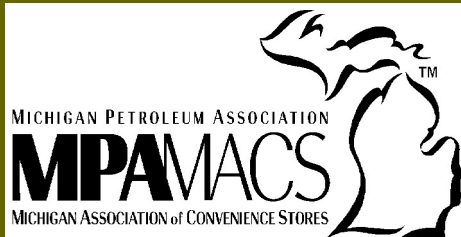
MPA/MACS has received numerous questions and concerns about receiving bottle/can returns at convenience stores. MPA/MACS along with other industry groups has asked for a suspension of the bottle/can return law so that c-store employees are not handling what could be contaminated cans and bottles. We are hearing that some members have stopped excepting bottles/cans returns on their own. MPA/MACS has been told the issue is being looked at and we expect to hear something soon.

MICHIGAN SHOW RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 9-11 AT DEVOS PLACE IN GRAND RAPIDS

As news of COVID-19 continues to unfold, Governor Whitmer's declaration of a public health emergency, MPA/MACS decided to postpone the "Michigan Show" Spring Convention & Trade Show. The Michigan Show is now scheduled for **June 9-11, 2020** at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Over the next several days, we will be communicating more details of the new show dates to our exhibitors, attendees, and show partners. We appreciate your patience and support during this time.

NOTICE FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY: PENALTY AND INTEREST WAIVED FOR 30 DAYS FOR MONTHLY SALES, USE, AND WITHHOLDING TAX RETURNS DUE MARCH 20, 2020

Executive Order 2020-04 declared a State of Emergency in Michigan related to the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Ongoing efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have disrupted the normal business operations of many sales, use, and withholding taxpayers required to file returns and remit tax by the twentieth day of each month. In recognition of the present challenges faced by these taxpayers, the Department of Treasury is waiving penalty and interest for the late payment of tax or the late filing of the return due on March 20, 2020. The waiver will be effective for a period of 30 days; therefore, any return or payment currently due on March 20, 2020 may be submitted to the Department without penalty or interest through April 20, 2020. The waiver is limited to sales, use, and withholding payments and returns due March 20, 2020. Any payment or return otherwise due after that date will not be eligible for the current waiver. **The waiver is not available for accelerated sales, use, or withholding tax filers.** Those taxpayers should continue to file returns and remit any tax due as of the original due dates. Questions regarding this Notice may be directed to the Department at (517) 636-6925.



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IDEAS HOW TO KEEP TRUCK DRIVERS SAFE DURING COVID-19 (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Below is information from a MPA/MACS member who put together these guidelines for their drivers. This is provided as possible ideas for other companies who are struggling with how to handle this for their companies.

- Drivers have been asked to not socialize at the terminals with terminal operators or other drivers.
- Drivers are not to enter the stores during unloading time.
- If the bill of lading is required to be left behind, then minimal contact is required. Otherwise dispatch will scan and email those documents directly.
- Drivers that share trucks and trailers must wipe down and/or spray with disinfectant all surfaces prior to operating and after their shift. The next driver is required to do the same.
- Thin surgical gloves are to be worn at all times when handling paperwork, using the control panel at the terminal, even under their normal rubber gloves.
- Drivers, and all employees have been instructed to stay home if they are sick, feeling sick or just not feeling well.
- Drivers that deliver to dealer customers are instructed to behave in the same manner, limit contact with the store employees, wear gloves at all times.
- If signatures are required on bill of lading or proof of delivery tickets they have been instructed not to share pens.

Holland Terminal reached out to MPA/MACS with some of the new protocols they have put in place at their terminal. Mainly they are limiting driver contact with other drivers and terminal staff. They are doing extra cleaning and sanitizing of all public spaces. **Drivers should follow the protocols that are being put in place at all terminals. Please remind your drivers.**

MPA/MACS STAFF STILL SERVING MEMBERS

The Michigan Petroleum Association/Michigan Association of Convenience Stores (MPA/MACS) staff will be working remotely and can assist members in a timely fashion. MPA/MACS physical office is closed to visitors until April 6. During this time, members and customers can reach MPA/MACS via email and phone. It is our desire to be both proactive in keeping everyone healthy and safe, and also continue the important work for MPA/MACS members. MPA/MACS will continue to email out important information and remember to check our website for other updates on the coronavirus virus.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

- **PMAA Day on the Hill** - Mayflower Hotel, Washington D.C. (5/14)
- **MPJPAC Golf Outing** - Eagle Eye Golf Club (6/3)
- **Spring Convention & Trade Show** - DeVos Place, Grand Rapids - (6/9-6/11)
- **Fall Convention** - Boyne Mountain Resort (8/20-8/23)
- **Central Michigan Oilmen's Club Golf Outing** - The Emerald, St. John's (9/18)
- **NACS Show / PMAA** - Las Vegas Convention Center (10/11-10/14)
- **Christmas Party** - Soaring Eagle Resort, Mt. Pleasant (12/3)

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