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To: All Domestic Employees

From: Pandemic Working Group

Re: **COVID-19 – Critical Infrastructure & US President’s Guidance**

AMVAC in Three of 16 Special Infrastructure Categories

Today, the Department of Homeland Security issued revised guidance on the essential critical infrastructure workforce, in the prelude of which they stated that “functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being.” They added that these guidelines are advisory and are to be read in conjunction with CDC as well as state and local government officials. We have attempted to keep you apprised of state and local directives in prior advisories.

Of interest to AMVAC’s Non-crop business is the fact that, in addition to “Food and Agriculture” and “Chemicals”, we are also part of a third, specially permitted category under the guidelines, namely, “Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services.” This third (of 16 categories) includes support of exterminators, landscapers and others who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences and businesses, among other things.

President Trump’s Revised Guidance

In today’s press conference, President Trump revised his timeline on “re-opening the country for business” to April 30 and indicated his expectation that the country would be on its way to recovery by June 1. He expects to issue final guidance on social distancing by the middle of this week. In addition, he said that he has no intention of relaxing restrictions in areas that are hardest hit by the virus. His senior health adviser, Dr. Anthony Fauci, expressed satisfaction with the US population’s efforts to mitigate the spread of the virus, adding that predictive models are useful, but mitigation measures are more important and can make a real difference.

President Trump recanted on earlier comments to consider a quarantine in New York. Instead, CDC issued an advisory discouraging people from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut from traveling domestically for a period of 14 days. According to CDC, over half of the confirmed cases in the US are from the tri-state area.

If you have questions on any of these matters, please contact either Kelly Willmott (kellyw@amvac.com) or Tim Donnelly (timd@amvac.com).