



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

To Whom it May Concern,

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 Businesses”. 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 \(DHS\)](#). In addition, IPANA members and suppliers are considered “Critical Infrastructure Workers” in accordance with the DHS Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)’s recent December 16<sup>th</sup> [advisory memorandum](#). Without this packaging, 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.

IPANA Member employees are also defined as “frontline essential workers” within the meaning of The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [recommendation](#). Such workers are therefore designated as the second priority group to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

*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.*