

## COVID-19 UPDATE: WS HAMPSHIRE OPERATIONS ARE OPEN MARCH 23, 2020

WS Hampshire wants to let you know that we are currently and will remain open for production.

In reaction to the Coronavirus COVID-19 health emergency, the Governor of Illinois, J. B Pritzker is instituting a temporary shutdown of all non-essential manufacturing facilities in the state of Illinois until April 7, 2020. WS Hampshire is considered an essential manufacturing operation as it supports essential infrastructure. We will remain open during this time.

We have already been contacted by several of our direct customers to ensure that we continue our manufacturing activity. These customers are classified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Critical Infrastructure Sector of Critical Manufacturing. Further information can be found at: <u>https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19</u>

As we continue to support our customer base, we ask our suppliers and partners to continue to supply to our requirements for our facilities and as necessary. To support your efforts please feel free to reference this letter as justification to help in this endeavor.

Where applicable and in support of state guidance, our office staff will be working remotely. However, please be assured that office phones and e-mail will be transferred to them directly, and that you should not experience any delays related to day-to-day communications.

We will continue to evaluate the COVID-19 situation and provide additional direction as more information becomes available.

Our wish for you is to stay healthy and safe, Best Regards, WS Hampshire



