

Weekly Manufacturers Meeting - 05/15/2020

Critical Needs

- Please let IH know what PPE supplies you are in need of as businesses start to open up
 - IH is giving out free reusable cloth masks
- IH is working on creating a list of what is available and will have it on our website shortly
- Honblue
 - Offers signage to display in your facility

Portal for Hawaii Made Products - DBEDT

- Links to companies that are capable of transactions and are already able to sell online
- For special occasions - Christmas, Labor Day, etc
- Starting recruiting for companies
- Roll-out will be mid-end June
- Application process
- Buy Hawaii, Give Aloha branding - Focused on both local and tourism
- For more info: <https://invest.hawaii.gov/exporting/buy-hawaii-give-aloha/>

E-Commerce Platform

- Possible partnership with Amazon to help our companies to get their products online within 1-2 weeks
- If there are any companies interested in being a pilot test site, please let IH know
 - Need photos of your product, cost structure
- Help those who already have a website, but want to sell more or need to better their platform

Distribution/Supermarkets

- Possibly a webinar on how to get your products into supermarkets
- Supermarkets can inform us what products they want to represent them

Events after lockdown

- Set up pop-up tents and have customers buy their products
- If we have an Oahu marketplace, neighbor islands can bring their products to Oahu and sell from there as Oahu is our biggest market

Neighbor Island Consolidation

- IH and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii through the help of Sen. Wakai are working with local airlines to help our local manufacturers with transportation costs

Resuming Operations:

Hawaiian Chip

- Letting employees go home early
- Flexible hours

Dana Labels

- Additional 80 hrs paid sick time under CARES Act

Returning to Work

- Processing steps that need to be validated
- Reach out to Nebraska Center for assistance
- One-on-one meetings

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- Risk of workmans comp
- Bringing back employee who gets COVID

HIOSH/Workplace Safety

- Required to have signage
- Required to wear masks and social distancing
- Vetting products and relaying information to the manufacturers so they understand what they should or shouldn't purchase
 - Expertise in lighting that are anti-viral

Online Courses

- Please contact IH if you're interested in taking online classes for specific topics

Hawaii Energy

- Short info session in the beginning of June
- Rebates to save money