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IMPORTANT UPDATE - CLARIFICATION FROM PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: Essential vs. Non-Essential Businesses

PAMS (Pennsylvania Association of Medical Suppliers) has just received verbal confirmation from the PA Department of Health most home medical equipment providers such as BLACKBURN'S are considered "essential businesses," due to the nature of our services.

The Department stressed that each business needs to make the determination of what measures to take internally to provide a safe environment for their employees and customers.

BLACKBURN'S will follow the guidance from the Department of Health.

- Practice proper social distancing of 6 feet or greater.
- Exercise proper and appropriate PPE use if encountering individuals who are quarantined or have respiratory illness.
- Ensure proper decontamination of "picked up" equipment.
- Practice proper hand hygiene.

All these items and more are recommended by the CDC on their COVID-19 webpage.

Please continue to monitor briefings from the Governor's office, the PA Department of Health, and the CDC, as guidance can change rapidly.

BLACKBURN'S will continue to provide updates, as received. Our business will remain open to provide much needed medical equipment and supplies.

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