

ISSUE	AGENCY	BACKGROUND	ACTIONS	STATUS
<p><b>CALIFORNIA SB 275</b></p>		<p>As governments at all levels—federal, state and local—look to alleviate any future shortages of important healthcare contact textiles (HCTs), TRSA is ensuring the importance of reusable HCTs is recognized and a part of the supply chain equation. The California legislature is currently considering legislation to establish a stockpile of needed healthcare PPE.</p>	<p>TRSA is advocating across all levels of government for healthcare facilities to maintain at least a 50% operating inventory of reusable HCTs to protect from a drastic shortage in case of an unforeseen emergency such as a natural disaster or pandemic.</p>	<p><b>Bill Signed:</b>  <b>Establish a PPE stockpile (Reusable/ Disposable) at the Department of Public Health.</b>  <b>Establish in-state PPE manufacturing capability.</b>  <b>Establishes a Personal Protective Equipment Advisory Committee to which TRSA will be named as a participant.</b></p>
<p><b>FEMA DISASTER PREPAREDNESS</b></p>		<p>The COVID-19 pandemic has shed light on many issues as it pertains to the personal protective equipment (PPE) supply chain. As natural disasters (including pandemics) occur, TRSA is working to ensure one of the primary industries to resume operations will be the linen, uniform and facility services industry.(see related story, pg. 16.)</p>	<p>Encourage legislators to ask questions of FEMA officials to encourage them to add the linen, uniform and facility services industry as an essential industry to restore after/during a natural disaster.</p>	<p><b>Submit white paper and Questions for Record to members of Congress to submit to FEMA for a response.</b></p>
<p><b>REUSABLE TABLE LINENS</b></p>		<p>While many states recognize the importance of cloth reusable table linens to public safety, several states and even federal agencies did not do so originally.</p>	<p>Contacted each federal agency or state policymaker to highlight the safety and importance of reusable cloth table linens.</p>	<p><b>FDA and CDC changed guidance to recognize the safety of reusable cloth table linens.</b>  <b>Majority of states recognized reusable table linens as a safe option when dining.</b></p>
<p><b>INCREASE SUPPLY OF REUSABLE HEALTHCARE PPE</b></p>		<p>TRSA members supply, launder and maintain sustainable, reusable, hygienically clean and safe textiles, including linens, uniforms, garments and PPE, as well as facility and cleaning supplies for CISA-designated Critical Infrastructure Businesses. The industry, if properly incentivized, can fill the void of the shortage of single-use, disposable healthcare contact textiles (HCTs). Due to the increased reliance on single-use, disposable HCTs, the current supply chain lacks the capacity to produce needed reusable HCTs to offset the shortage of disposables. The industry can stabilize the supply chain through the use of reusable HCTs.</p>	<p>Highlight the benefits of reusable healthcare linens and garments such as cleanliness safety and supply.</p>	<p><b>Establish partnership with healthcare unions to raise importance of reusable healthcare contact textiles.</b>  <b>Contact with the vice president and staff on the Coronavirus Task Force.</b></p>
<p><b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE SAFETY GUIDANCE</b></p>		<p>Maximizing restaurants' hygiene requires more of them to adopt a cleanliness practice of outsourcing a supply of expertly laundered tablecloths, garments and other textiles and products that keep these facilities clean. TRSA, the Association for the Linen, Uniform and Facility Services Industry, is calling on states to feature such services in guidance documents for restaurants as they reopen amid the current COVID-19 environment.</p>	<p>Advance an advocacy and publicity campaign to prompt restaurants reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic to maximize hygiene through linen and uniform services.</p>	<p><b>Sent letters to governors, mayors and local health officials.</b>  <b>Provide template for operators and supplier partners to personally send to their elected and appointed officials.</b></p>