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# E-Newsletter

## Springing Forward & Social Distancing

From daylight savings time, to the first day of spring, to our worlds being rapidly changed by the Coronavirus, March has been quite the month. We hope you are doing everything you can to keep you, your families and your employees safe during this time. We're still navigating through the unknown but, hopefully, through quarantining, social distancing and practicing good hygiene, we will come out healthy on the other side.

Our office is open and we are here to serve you. Some of our employees are working virtually but we are dedicated to helping you however we can and operating as normal as possible. We are staying vigilant and will be sending industry information and updates from NPGA and PERC regarding COVID-19 in a timely manner. Please remember to check your emails regularly as this is the most efficient method of communication. We will also post updates on social media when deemed necessary.

The LPGF CETP Spring trainings are being rescheduled to May. The new dates are May 5-7. The cities and locations have remained the same. If you already registered an employee(s) for one of the April classes, we will work with you to get them reregistered if the new dates are workable and have your deposit applied to that date. If the new dates do not work, your deposit will be returned. Thank you for your understanding during this time and for being flexible.

For any questions, concerns or additional information, please contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922 or at [marica@ccilouisiana.com](mailto:marica@ccilouisiana.com).



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**This is our current membership information as of 3.31.20. If your company is not listed, we have not received dues at this time.**

# 2020 Calendar of Events

**April 5-8:** \*CANCELLED\* NPGA Southeastern Convention & International Propane Expo, Music City Center-Nashville, TN.

**April 23-26:** \*CANCELLED\* Zurich Classic of New Orleans, TPC-Louisiana-Avondale.

**May 5:** CETP Basic Principles and Practices of Propane Class, Hampton Inn-Ruston.

**May 6:** CETP Basic Principles and Practices of Propane Class, Holiday Inn Downtown-Alexandria.

**May 7:** CETP Bobtail Delivery Operations, Holiday Inn Downtown-Alexandria.

**June 1, 6:00 pm:** Louisiana Legislative Session adjourns.

**June 14-17:** APGA/LPGA Annual Summer Convention, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, AL.

**June 15:** Second Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, AL.

**June 15-17:** NPGA Propane Days, Omni Shoreham-Washington, DC.

**June 25-28:** Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention, Marriott-New Orleans.

**June 26-27:** Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Weekend, Natchitoches.

**July 26-30:** Louisiana Sheriffs' and Wardens' Annual Conference, Hilton Sandestin-Destin, FL.

**August 13-15:** Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association of Louisiana Annual Convention, Pontchartrain Center-Kenner.

**August 20-21:** PERC Can-Do Marketing Conference, Marquette Hotel-Minneapolis, MN.

**September-TBD:** Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Best Western-Alexandria.

**December-TBD:** Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Chateau Saint Denis Hotel-Natchitoches.

# Cylinder Exchange and COVID-19

The following information is based on information contained in a draft document being developed by the World LP-Gas Association ([www.wlpga.org](http://www.wlpga.org)). NPGA has not adopted these measures as policy, but operators of cylinder exchange businesses may find it to be useful in whole or in part.

Propane cylinders are circulating between filling plants and consumers during the current pandemic, potentially exposing personnel (including consumers) to infection.

The World Health Organization suggests that coronaviruses (including preliminary information on the COVID-19 virus) may persist on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days. This may vary under different conditions (e.g. type of surface, temperature or humidity of the environment).

The nature of the propane cylinder exchange business presents challenges because of the potential exposure to the virus remaining on contaminated cylinders (particularly on handles) during the distribution of cylinders.

The following is presented as a resource intended to help protect personnel (and consumers) throughout the cylinder exchange distribution channel, including filling-plant personnel and others throughout the distribution channel.

-Where practical, wash and disinfect cylinders (especially the handles) in accordance with the cylinder and valve manufacturers' recommendations, preferably before they enter the filling area

-Use (antistatic) gloves and protective glasses at all times in the plant

-Keep six feet distance from each other

-Restrict the number of people sharing common facilities (showers etc.)

-Clean cylinder transport trucks before and after journeys

-Wash hands with soap frequently for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your face

-Do not shake hands or have any close contact with

others

- Maintain a clean work environment and sanitize where necessary

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## COVID-19 Resources for Propane

PERC has created a new page on its website to assist propane marketers throughout this unprecedented health emergency. It will serve as the central repository for safety alerts, health advisory updates, links to important world and national regulatory guidelines, and resources to help your businesses maintain the vital service that so many people are relying on.

The site is [https://propane.com/covid-19-message/?utm\\_campaign=PERC%20Update&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=85049685&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-824VgG0aEzh4J7Gx6cXso67QGg0hKH2HXANFSs7FdnoCbLd90zmVv-bQ4PrjmMmm0tc4na0rr1bfrHG6JFZtfKLe5gUg&\\_hsmi=85049685](https://propane.com/covid-19-message/?utm_campaign=PERC%20Update&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=85049685&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-824VgG0aEzh4J7Gx6cXso67QGg0hKH2HXANFSs7FdnoCbLd90zmVv-bQ4PrjmMmm0tc4na0rr1bfrHG6JFZtfKLe5gUg&_hsmi=85049685).

For specific questions, please email PERC's Vice President Safety, Education, and Compliance Eric Kuster at [eric.kuster@propane.com](mailto:eric.kuster@propane.com) or Director of Safety and Compliance Lyndon Rickards at [lyndon.rickards@propane.com](mailto:lyndon.rickards@propane.com).



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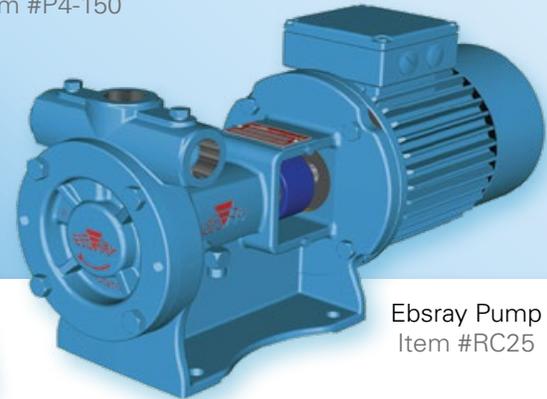
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## Emergency Declarations and Hours of Service Waivers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) updated its initial Emergency Declaration to add the transportation of fuel, which includes propane. The Emergency Declaration waives hours of service requirements for the transportation of essential supplies. FMCSA specifies, "This Emergency Declaration provides regulatory relief for commercial motor vehicle operations providing direct assistance in support of emergency relief efforts related to the COVID-19 outbreaks, including transportation to meet immediate needs."

FMCSA identifies relief services eligible for the hours of service waiver:

1. Medical supplies and equipment related to the testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19;
2. Supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of community transmission of COVID-19 such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap and disinfectants;
3. Food, paper products and other groceries for emergency restocking of distribution centers or stores;
4. Immediate precursor raw materials - such as paper,

plastic, or alcohol - that are required and to be used for the manufacture of items in categories (1),(2) or (3);

5. Fuel;
6. Equipment, supplies and persons necessary to establish and manage temporary housing, quarantine, and isolation facilities related to COVID-19;
7. Persons designated by Federal, State or local authorities for medical, isolation, or quarantine purposes; and
8. Persons necessary to provide other medical or emergency services, the supply of which may be affected by the COVID-19 response.

The waiver is in effect immediately until April 12, 2020.

Download the Emergency Declaration here: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/expanded-emergency-declaration-under-49-cfr-ss-39023-no-2020-002>.

Please direct any questions to or share new information with Sarah Reboli, NPGA Deputy Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, at [sreboli@npga.org](mailto:sreboli@npga.org).

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# Federal Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in conjunction with other federal agencies, published guidance on “essential workers” for state and local authorities that have or are considering ‘shelter-in-place’ ordinances or similar restrictions on movement.

Guidance on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response can be found here: <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce>.

The intent of the guidance is to eliminate or minimize discrepancies in defining “essential workers” among state and local authorities so as to maintain operation of key industry sectors of the United States. NPGA communicated with the agencies to include propane employees among “essential workers” classifications. The guidance document identifies propane employees under the sectors for Energy as well as Transportation and Logistics, which are excerpted below:

## Energy

- Propane gas dispatch and control rooms and emergency response and customer emergencies, including propane leak calls
- Propane gas service maintenance and restoration, including call centers
- Processing, refining, and transporting natural liquids, including propane gas, for use as end-use fuels or feedstocks for chemical manufacturing
- Propane gas storage, transmission, and distribution centers

## Transportation and Logistics

- Employees supporting or enabling transportation functions, including dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, warehouse workers, truck stop and rest area workers, and workers that maintain and inspect infrastructure (including those that require cross-border travel)
- Truck drivers who haul hazardous and waste materials to support critical infrastructure, capabilities, functions,

and services

- Automotive repair and maintenance facilities
- Employees who repair and maintain vehicles, aircraft, rail equipment, marine vessels, and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers

It is suggested that workers keep a copy of the Guidance when entering areas under restrictions. The guidance is also available under the COVID-19 section of the Membership Dashboard. Please direct any questions to Sarah Reboli, NPGA Deputy Counsel, Regulatory Affairs, at [sreboli@npga.org](mailto:sreboli@npga.org).



## Spring Paint Sale



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## SPRING 2020 TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM

\*Please note, this has been rescheduled from April 2020\*

CETP Classes are being offered free to Dealers in the state of Louisiana by the Louisiana Propane Gas Foundation this May. A deposit of \$50 per registrant is required to reserve your spot. As long as the registrant attends the class, the deposit will be returned. If you cancel your registration before the registration cut-off date, your deposit will be returned, as well. **If the registrant does not show up to class or does not call to cancel before the registration cut-off date, the deposit will be processed for payment.** Please return the following form as soon as possible if you plan on attending, as space is limited. Classes must have a minimum of 8 participants, or they may be subject to cancellation. If a class is cancelled, all deposits for that class date will be returned. The cut off for registration for all classes is Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> because materials have to be ordered ahead of time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Class Location Registering For: \_\_\_\_\_

Available Classes:

**Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: Ruston**

**CETP Basic Principles and Practices of Propane** (Hampton Inn-1315 N Trenton Street, Ruston, LA 71270)

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>: Alexandria**

**CETP Basic Principles and Practices of Propane** (Holiday Inn Downtown-701 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Alexandria, LA 71301)

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Alexandria**

**CETP Bobtail Delivery Operations** (Holiday Inn Downtown-701 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Alexandria, LA 71301)

All classes will be 8:00 am-5:00 pm (Training and Testing). Lunch will be provided. You must attend the full class, pass the exam and complete the Skills Assessment hands-on portion to get your certification. Exam results will be individually mailed to you after processing. The Skills Assessment must be completed within one year of class completion.

**Fax your completed registration form to 225-763-8989. You may also email it to [marica@ccilouisiana.com](mailto:marica@ccilouisiana.com). If you have any questions, call us at 225-763-8922.**

**Deposits should be written to LPGF and can be mailed to the LPGA office at 13144 Perkins Road, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. The deposit and registration form must be received to reserve your spot.**

# Propane Works

Approximately a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is achievable with the direct use of propane over electric for space heating, cooking, clothes drying, and water heating. Propane is a clean, low-carbon fuel that is an approved alternative fuel under the U.S. EPA's Clean Air Act.<sup>[1]</sup> Propane is key in the move to America's low-carbon future.



## Energy On Demand

Delivered propane is usable propane. It is energy generated on site. Propane does not degrade, is easily stored, and is ready for immediate use. 66% of electricity generated at most power plants is wasted, lost between the power plant and the end-use consumer.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Clean and Dry

Propane-fueled clothes dryers save up to 0.3 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions each year compared to electric clothes dryers. A propane-fueled dryer could reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by as much as three tons over the course of its useful life.<sup>[3]</sup>



## Providing Energy For Rural America

12.4 million households in rural America depend on propane's direct energy for heat, power, and appliances.<sup>[4]</sup>

80% of U.S. farmers that use grain dryers depend on propane.<sup>[5]</sup> On-farm grain drying reduces crop loss and improves yield making it indispensable for crops with razor-thin margins.



## Energy's First Responder

Propane is there when you need it most. Highly portable propane is on-demand energy and a reliable energy source after hurricanes, wildfires, or other disasters paralyze a community.



## Protecting America's Most Vulnerable Consumer

Forced residential electrification would increase the average residential household's energy costs by \$750-910 per year,<sup>[6]</sup> forcing lower income Americans to choose between heating their homes and critical necessities like food and medicine.

[1] <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/peg.pdf> [2] <https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=107&t=3>  
[3] Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), 2015; <https://propane.com/> [4] [https://www.aga.org/globalassets/research--insights/reports/aga\\_study\\_on\\_residential\\_electrification.pdf](https://www.aga.org/globalassets/research--insights/reports/aga_study_on_residential_electrification.pdf)  
[5] Propane Education & Research Council (PERC), 2015; <https://propane.com/> [6] [https://www.aga.org/globalassets/research--insights/reports/aga\\_study\\_on\\_residential\\_electrification.pdf](https://www.aga.org/globalassets/research--insights/reports/aga_study_on_residential_electrification.pdf)

Governor John Bel Edwards issued a Stay at Home order on March 23 until April 13. On March 30, it was extended until April 30. Below are a few bullet points about what is allowed during the order. For the full order, please visit: <https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/JBE-33-2020.pdf>.



## **STAY AT HOME ORDER** **WHAT YOU SHALL NOT DO**

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- **DON'T GO TO WORK** unless you are providing essential services
- **DON'T VISIT FRIENDS & FAMILY** if there is no urgent need
- **DON'T GET CLOSER THAN SIX FEET** away from others when you go out
- **DON'T GATHER IN GROUPS** of more than 10
- **DON'T VISIT LOVED ONES IN THE HOSPITAL, nursing home, or other residential care facility**



## **STAY AT HOME ORDER** **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

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- **GO TO THE GROCERY STORE** or pharmacy
- **GO TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS** after checking with your healthcare provider first
- **GO TO RESTAURANTS** for take-out, delivery, or drive-thru
- **CARE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND**
- **GO OUTSIDE** (keep six feet between you and others)

