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COVID-19 UPDATE #12

Essential Business Update, and Webinar on Employees with COVID-19 Symptoms

ESSENTIAL BUSINESS UPDATE

Governor Hutchinson continues to show great leadership in working hard to balance the need for businesses to operate in Arkansas against the continued spread of COVID-19. He presented figures on Monday that show how much Arkansans have slowed the spread of the outbreak since this pandemic began.

While the Governor did announce the closure of schools for the remainder of the year, so far there are no additional business closures were announced.

Dealers should continue to be diligent in ensuring a clean and safe dealership for customers and employees to ensure the spread of COVID-19 remains slow.

NADA WEBINAR: AN EMPLOYEE HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR TESTS POSITIVE...NOW WHAT

NADA presents a webinar on **Tuesday, April 7, 2020, from noon to 1 p.m.** in its Dealership Lifeline Series to help local dealerships navigate business and regulations in the coronavirus environment.

The webinar is entitled: **So, an Employee Has COVID-19 Symptoms or Has Tested Positive...Now What?**

Presented by:

Doug Greenhaus | Chief Regulatory Counsel, Environment, Health and Safety | NADA

Travis Vance | Partner | Fisher & Phillips LLP

This webinar will focus on legal issues and suggested best practices for when employees exhibit Covid-19 symptoms or test positive for the virus. Travis Vance, Chairman of the Fisher and Phillips Covid-19 Task Force, and Douglas Greenhaus, Chief Regulatory Counsel, NADA will review key issues, concerns and potential solutions. Topics will include emergency leave eligibility, medical privacy, government guidance and mandates, and protecting employees, customers, and the dealership. **REGISTER.**

NEW FUEL ECONOMY RULE ANNOUNCED

In case the news got lost in the haze for coronavirus headlines, last week the Trump Administration announced a final rule setting revised light-duty vehicle fuel economy (CAFE) and greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for model years 2021-2026. These new standards reflect NADA's consistent support for fuel economy improvements that are affordable for consumers and do not compromise important vehicle attributes customers value, including safety.

When first issued in 2012 the light-duty standards for this timeframe required the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to conduct a "midterm evaluation" to review and revisit the assumptions, data and analysis upon which those 2012 standards were based.

Certainly, a lot has changed since 2012: fuel prices have fallen dramatically; the new-vehicle fleet mix selected by consumers when they're shopping has shifted away from passenger cars toward SUVs and pickups; the average used vehicle is almost 12 years old; the average price of a new vehicle has risen to over \$37,000; and the U.S. is a net exporter of petroleum. The NHTSA/EPA final rule reflects careful consideration of these and many other factors and establishes standards that are both technologically feasible and economically practical.

"NHTSA and EPA have struck a balance aimed at maximizing fleet turnover, with the goal of keeping vehicles as affordable as possible and getting cleaner, greener and safer vehicles into consumers' driveways quicker than they otherwise would," NADA said.

Many automakers, on the other hand, were not as supportive as NADA.

"The greatest opportunity for environmental benefits will happen as we look to longer-term policies beyond 2026," said Alliance for Automotive Innovation President and CEO John Bozzella.

"Automakers need a policy environment that drives not only fuel economy improvements, but that also supports the infrastructure, market, and other conditions necessary for the transformation of light-duty vehicles to a lower- and net-zero carbon future," he added.

ADDITIONAL AND HELPFUL LINKS

For additional information related to maintaining your dealership as safe, we would recommend monitoring updates from the CDC, [link](#), and OSHA, [link](#).

Please go to our website for links to information your dealership needs at [AADA coronavirus update](#).

AADA will work to keep you updated on this situation, but a firm commitment to maintaining a safe and clean work environment for your employees and customers will help you navigate this health crisis.

If you have any questions about this bulletin please don't hesitate to call, 501-372-2596, or email Greg Kirkpatrick greg@arkautodealers.com.