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Bio

Matt Naitove is Executive Editor of **Plastics Technology** magazine, where he has reported on virtually every aspect of plastics since 1972. Matt started at **PT** as a cub reporter fresh out of school and rose through the ranks to Chief Editor, a position he held for 29 years. His current beats on the magazine include reporting on all aspects of injection molding and blow molding technology. He has helped organize numerous conferences, including **Plastics Technology's** annual Molding Conference and exhibit and two Thermoplastic Composites in Automotive conferences in 2014 and 2016. Matt is a graduate of Harvard College and holds a masters degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He is a member of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) and the Plastics Pioneers Association.

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Quote

"From the evidence I've seen, the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting plastics processors in two ways:

1. State, county and local governments are imposing staffing restrictions and outright plant shutdowns that make it difficult to impossible to conduct manufacturing businesses. Some of our readers have encouraged customers to order early and are depleting inventory while they still can fulfill orders.
2. Our readers' supply chains, particularly in machinery and equipment production, are being slowed or halted by actions taken by their equipment suppliers to protect their workers and/or meet government mandates. The result is longer waits for equipment to be delivered — for those readers who are still producing.
3. Since a shortage of workers has plagued manufacturing industry for years, it can only be made worse by absences caused by illness or need to look after stricken family members and/or children unable to attend school or daycare."

Topics

- Examples of how plastics product manufacturers are reacting to the COVID-19 crisis.
- How slowdown of equipment supply chains affects plastics manufacturing.
- Ways in which plastics contribute positively to society's effort to weather the pandemic.

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