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***USGlass Magazine* Recognizes SAF as Stand-Out Company During the Pandemic***Manufacturer Received Accolade for Keeping Employees, Customers Safe*

**ATLANTA, GA (November 17, 2020)** – [Southern Aluminum Finishing (SAF)](https://www.saf.com/), a global metals distributor, fabricator, anodizer, and finisher has been named a Stand-Out Company During the Pandemic by [*USGlass* Magazine](https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=18299&i=678038&p=52).

As the pandemic swiftly took hold on a national scale this past spring, SAF quickly put its technology and resources to work. The company transitioned to video conferencing and utilized email updates to keep everyone informed and safe while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

To ensure its workers' health and safety, SAF implemented changes in facility operations and created remote working guidelines. SAF issued a mandatory mask policy and provided masks to all employees, added HEPA filter units to all workstations, began rotating in-office days for personnel to ensure proper social distancing, and installed webcams for staff to safely speak with visitors.

“The production department could not work remotely, so we continued to have our office staff rotate into the office to show that we were all in this together,” said John McClatchey, vice president of sales and marketing at SAF. “We are heeding and exceeding all CDC recommendations and have introduced additional protocols to maintain the health and safety of our employees during these challenging times.”

Each week, employees conduct audits and self-reporting to ensure compliance with SAF's guidelines. In addition, SAF has been regularly reporting its efforts to employees on how the company is handling the pandemic's ever-changing impacts.

To learn more about the industry's response to the pandemic, *USGlass* subscribers were asked to complete a survey sharing what their companies did to address employees' health and safety. From those entries, the *USGlass* editorial board chose just five companies to recognize based on the following criteria: communication with employees; how a sense of community was maintained; how policies and procedures were updated to ensure safety; how comfort and well-being of employees were ensured; and in what ways the company gave back to the community.

**About Southern Aluminum Finishing (SAF):**

For 75 years, SAF has served as one the nation’s most complete sources for metals distribution, finishing, and fabrication. SAF is a mill-direct aluminum buyer, an approved fabricator for major aluminum composite panel (ACM) manufacturers, and a mill-direct buyer of aluminum coil and extrusions. In addition to providing custom fabrication, painting, and anodizing, SAF Fabrication engineers aluminum, panel, and column systems for commercial building projects worldwide. For more information, visit [www.saf.com](http://www.saf.com).

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