



**Company Statement
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S.J. Smith response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

DAVENPORT, IOWA (March 31, 2020) – Over the past month, S.J. Smith has put into place business contingency plans and health measures as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and other federal, state and local health agencies, as well as GAWDA (Gases and Welding Distributors Association), in light of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

S.J. Smith has communicated with suppliers to develop a contingency plan for delivery of materials, as well as communicated with other gas firms to share backup product delivery plans, as per GAWDA recommendations. In addition, the company has reviewed product demand, and communicated with customers to make recommendations for future planning.

S.J. Smith has moved to curbside service at all locations, asking customers to call in their orders and service requests to their local branch prior to pick-up. In addition, the company has instituted rigorous health and safety procedures such as disinfecting all surfaces, and providing sanitizer and disinfectant to all employee areas at [all S.J. Smith locations](#).

S.J. Smith will continue to communicate with customers on prioritizing needs, servicing the communities and protecting employees and customers. In addition, the company stands ready to work with local emergency management and health departments to continue to be stewards in the communities we serve.

For more information, please contact S.J. Smith at 563-324-5237, or visit our website at sjsmith.com. Connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About S.J. Smith

Since 1950, S.J. Smith has evolved into a dynamic company, using the latest technology to find cutting-edge solutions for customers and provide quality products in a prompt and professional manner. In addition to being a primary provider of cylinder and specialty gas options, including industrial, medical, micro-bulk and laser-assist systems, and cryogenic and technical services, S.J.



Smith also provides welding equipment, protective gear and accessories for specific needs such as ITB or MIG welding, arc gouging, plasma cutting and more.

Founded by Sylvester “S.J.” and Helen Smith, and expanded by their son Richard Smith, who joined the company in 1969, the company is now led by the third generation: Richelle Smith-Brecht, president and CEO; Eric Smith, director of operations and Christopher Smith, assistant pricing manager/expediter. S.J. Smith has 12 locations in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri which provide individualized service to customers large and small, based on the company values of honesty and integrity, customer-driven excellence, flexibility and safety.

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