



Ford temporary suspension of European production remains at least until May 4; continues community support efforts

- Temporary suspension continues to apply to most vehicle and engine production at Ford's European manufacturing sites
- Follows initial announcement on March 17 that the production suspension would last a number of weeks depending on pandemic situation, health of our employees, national restrictions, supplier constraints and the ability of our dealer network to operate
- Ford and its employees continue numerous actions across Europe supporting national initiatives and community-focused activities to help reduce spread of COVID19

COLOGNE, Germany, April 3, 2020 – Ford today has confirmed that the temporary suspension of vehicle and engine production at most of its European manufacturing sites is now expected to run at least until May 4.

The announcement follows prior confirmation that production would be temporarily suspended from March 19 for a number of weeks at Ford's main continental European manufacturing sites (Saarlouis and Cologne, Germany; Valencia, Spain; and Craiova, Romania), with production also halted at its Bridgend and Dagenham engine plants in the U.K. from March 23. The company's operations in Valencia, Spain, however, will remain in temporary suspension until at least April 27.

"It's important we give our employees as much clarity as possible on how long the present situation is likely to continue," said Stuart Rowley, president, Ford of Europe. "We are hopeful the situation will improve in the coming month; our plans to restart operations, however, will continue to be informed by prevailing conditions and guidance of national governments."

Ford's production restart plans depend heavily on the pandemic situation in the weeks ahead, national restrictions in operation at the time, supplier constraints and the ability of our dealer network to operate. The company's 'return to work' plan also will encompass appropriate measures on social distancing and other health and safety protocols to protect its workforce.

Current work arrangements in place for employees supporting production activities, as well as those still performing critical roles at non-manufacturing sites who are working remotely, will continue.

At the same time, Ford and its employees are engaged in numerous actions across Europe to help reduce the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID19) by supporting national initiatives and community-focused activities. These range from manufacturing medical equipment such as facemasks and ventilators to providing camp beds to health personnel and donating vehicles for a number of uses including the distribution of critical medical services, food deliveries and emergency transport.

The company is also partnering with various NGOs, organizations and charities to provide support across Europe in local communities. The Ford Fund announced this week a new global initiative to match [Ford employee donations](#) and benefit charities in six European markets.

In addition to the suspension of its production sites, most other Ford operations across Europe have been paused at this time except for a small number of business-critical activities.

Additional information on production restart plans will be communicated as plans are confirmed.

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