

## **If my major supplier's operations are impacted or shutdown, do we have insurance for that impact on our business?**

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Contingent business interruption coverage is included in most commercial property policies and covers lost income due to a covered peril affecting a key supplier, so like business interruption coverage, coverage likely will depend on whether COVID-19 contamination constitutes physical loss or damage (which insurers are disputing). Some policies also provide that contingent business interruption coverage is available when a supplier's business is shut down due to a covered civil authority order. The policy may require that a supplier be specifically identified by endorsement in your policy. Contingent business interruption coverage also is subject to certain exclusions, and the insurer may argue that the pollution exclusion or a more specific virus exclusion applies. Like all coverages, a close review of your specific policy language is necessary to assess potential coverage.