Good morning,

Now that Governor Evers has extended the Emergency Safer-at-Home order through May 26th (Gov. Press Release) and has continued to exempt the construction industry as Essential Infrastructure (Sec. 10., p.9, Emergency E.O. 28), it’s vital that all contractors and their workers continue to observe best practices to ensure their employees remain safe and projects remain open. What follows is likely not new information, but is intended as an update to highlight general best practices, as well as resources to help you augment your current efforts. Everyone is encouraged to consult these resources on a regular basis, as they are updated frequently.

Best Practices:
- Prepare for increased absenteeism
  - Cross train employees to handle other functions
  - Encourage employees to develop contingency plans for child care in the event there are long term closures of schools and day care centers
- Jobsite Prep
  - Audit employee workflow to ensure fewer employees and limit multi-crew interactions
  - No more than 10 people in any area at any one time
  - Maintain physical spacing of employees, with a minimum distance of six feet
  - Gloves and facemasks/PPE
  - Mark and regularly sanitize frequent touch points
  - Provide soap and running water for frequent handwashing
  - If possible, provide hand sanitizer
- Access & Screening
  - Thermal temperature scans prior to entering the jobsite
  - Limit visitors
  - Limit deliveries
- Establish alternatives to large, in-person meetings
- Prepare for business interruption
  - Identify alternative suppliers
  - Prioritize certain customers
  - Prepare to shut down certain functions

Essential Resources:
- Center for Disease Control
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- US Dept. of Labor
- US Environmental Protection Agency – Disinfectants
- Construction Owners Association of America
Additional Resources (Industry):

- Associated General Contractors
- National Electrical Contractors Association
- Plumbing Mechanical Sheet Metal Contractors’ Alliance – MCAA Resources
- Building Construction Trades Council

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