

# DGLVR Webinar

## DGLVR Impacts and Considerations from Coronavirus

4/21/20

Starts at 9am

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Quarantine day 6.



Q&A

**You** asked: 02:25 PM

Can you think of an example question?

**Steven Michael Bloser** answered: 02:25 PM

No, I can't!

Please input your question...

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# **DGLVR Webinar**

## **Impacts and Considerations from Coronavirus**

### **Purpose:**

- Review DGLVR Program impacts from Coronavirus
- Allow CDs to ask questions

## Current Restrictions Overview:

- PSU/CDGRS

- Remote work until **through May 8**
- No county visits or tech assists until **through May 8**
- No trainings until **July?????**

- State/SCC

- Remote work until **May 8**
- No QAQCs until **May 8**

## ESM Trainings 1/2:

- **Current Status**
  - ~~3/25-26~~, Huntingdon - **POSTPONED**
  - ~~3/14-15~~, McKean - **POSTPONED**
  - ~~4/22-23~~, Berks - **POSTPONED**
  - ~~5/12-13~~, Somerset- **POSTPONED**
  - Remaining – **TBD, two in June unlikely**

## ESM Trainings 1/2:

- **Certifications:**

- **Extension of certifications?** TBD, maybe if “postponed” becomes “canceled”
- **Reminder:** ESM certifications good until the end of the calendar year (anyone who took it in 2015 is certified through 12/31/2020)

- **Remote ESM Trainings?**

- **TBD, only as a last resort:** maybe if most/all 2020 ESMs are canceled
- Possibility of larger regional ESMs like in 2015?

## QAQCs:

- ~22 scheduled for 2020
- Current Status
  - March: 2 postponed
  - April: 3 postponed
  - May: 1 postponed, 2 others TBD
- Contact Justin Challenger with questions

## Budgets:

- Any impacts to State budget timing or DGLVR Program funding?
  - **State budget timing:** have heard nothing
  - **DGLVR Program funding:** have heard nothing



## Spending Requirements:

Unchanged from 3/26  
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- Will SCC extend spending requirements for CDs to be eligible for allocation?
- **Likely will not be needed this year!** Because of the rush last year with spending and the 5-year agreement ending, nearly all CDs should be eligible for FY 2020-21 allocations.
- Could be a topic for next year if this continues?

## CD Allocations:

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- **Typical Schedule**
  - Allocations to SCC in May
  - CDs get advance in August
- **Schedule this year**
  - Allocations to SCC in July
  - CDs get advance in August/September

## Unpaved Road Assessments:

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- Allocation “snapshot” for FY 2020-21 DnG allocations **extended to June 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **WHAT BETTER TIME TO ASSESS?**
- **GET OUT THERE!**
- Check with your county to make sure it is OK.
- Recorded assessment training on CDGRS website (education – assessment training – online training)

*Note that Roy or I  
can't grant you  
"permission" to do  
assessments*

### QAB and CD Board Meeting:

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- Held Remotely? **allowable**
- Quorums? (2 of 3 voting member for QAB)
- Sunshine Requirements?

*Must give notice of the date and time of call as best you can and provide call-in information on how the public can access the call. If possible, it should be recorded. As long as there is a quorum, any decisions made would be legal, provided all other requirements that would typically apply are met.*

## Traffic Counts:

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- Can I continue to do traffic counts, given that traffic is likely to be lower than normal during this period?

**YES.** While the SCC recognizes counts may be lower than normal, they are required for grant eligibility. Counts can be completed as needed, as long as your county is OK with it

**A Twp wants to start a project that is already under contract that they are doing on their own (no contractor).**

**This is a local decision up to the Conservation District.**

- If the CD is allowed and comfortable providing oversight, the project can move forward.**
- Otherwise the project should be delayed.**
- PSU/SCC/and TU are not allowed to travel to provide technical assistance until 5/8, at least.
- PSU/SCC/TU staff are available for assistance remotely.

**A Contractor wants to start a project that is already under contract.**

**This is a local decision up to the Conservation District.**

- **If the CD is allowed and comfortable providing oversight, the project can move forward.**
- **Otherwise the project should be delayed.**
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**What if a Township does not have the funding for their in-kind contributions to a contract because of the lack of funding coming into their Township?**

**This is a local decision up to the Conservation District.**

- Amend contract to increase grant funds
- Amend contract to reduce scope of workplan.
- Extend contract end date
- Cancel contract



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**A quarry/Twp contacted me about a DSA job they want to do ASAP, can they proceed?**

**Only if material is tested by an independent lab and meets spec as required in DSA specification:**

- PSU/SCC are not allowed to travel to conduct DSA sampling until 5/8, at least. Will get to piles as soon as we can after travel restrictions are lifted.
- If the CD is allowed to and comfortable with pulling a sample for testing, they may do so.
- A private third party may be contracted for sampling.
- Note that the quarry can't rely on old test results for a newly created pile
- If DSA is sampled and meets spec and the CD is available for job oversight, they may proceed.
- **If CD or others can't sample or provide oversight, delay the project.**
- **If they place untested DSA, the District can not pay for it.**

# What protocol for social distancing should CDs, twps, and contractors follow once construction begins?

## Each entity is responsible for its own actions

- Follow federal, state, and local protocols
  - Twps, contractors, etc. will have to make sure their workers comply, not CD staff
- Will provide more resources as they become available
- **Districts:**
  - If you can't provide oversight, or complications exist that prevent an effective project, you should delay work.
  - The coronavirus is not an excuse to put bad projects in the ground!

**If many projects have to be delayed until next year, will the SCC find a way to work with CD on spending requirements?**

**Yes**

- Everyone would rather see a good project next year than a bad project this year!
- Keep in touch up front, don't wait until spring 2021 to let the SCC know you had to delay projects.

**Do I have to extend the contract of project that was delayed and will not be finished on time?**

**Yes**

- Project work can not take place after the contract end date
- A simple contract amendment can be used to extend the end date.

## **Other Potential Quarantine Tasks for CDs:**

- **Assessments**
- **Virtual meetings with CDGRS/SCC staff using screen sharing** (site discussion using pictures, application review, pre-design talks, plan reviews, etc.)
- **Familiarize yourself with optional documents** (bid documents, checklists, etc)
- **Review Bid packets, permits, etc**
- **Review QAB policies**
- **Professional development, outside trainings, certifications, LTAP Road Scholars:** Some classes are now webinars
- **Develop a newsletter?**
- **Plan new education and outreach events** (recorded webinar)
- **Keep up contact to your municipalities!!**