

DGLVR Webinar

Coronavirus Impacts and 5/1 Allowance for restart of Construction

4/28/20

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Steven Michael Bloser answered: 02:25 PM

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Impacts and Considerations from Coronavirus

Purpose:

- Review DGLVR Program impacts from Coronavirus
- Prepare for “restart of construction”
- Allow CDs to ask questions

Current Restrictions Overview:

- PSU/CDGRS

- Remote work until through May 8th at least
- Allowed to travel to support construction May 1
- No trainings until July?????

- State/SCC

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- TU

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- Allowed to travel for technical assistance to green/yellow counties May 8

ESM Trainings:

- **Current Status**

- ~~3/25-26, Huntingdon - POSTPONED~~
- ~~3/14-15, McKean - POSTPONED~~
- ~~4/22-23, Berks - POSTPONED~~
- ~~5/12-13, Somerset- POSTPONED~~
- ~~6/2-3, York - POSTPONED~~
- ~~6/17-18, Erie - POSTPONED~~
- **Remaining: TBD**

QAQCs:

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

Updates Covered in Past Webinars:

- **Budgets**
- **Spending Requirements**
- **CD Allocations**
- **Assessments**
- **CD Board and QAB Meetings**
- **Traffic Counts**

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All links provided in webinar announcement e-mail

Pennsylvania Links

- **Red/Yellow/Green Reopening Plan:** <https://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/#PhasedReopening>
- **Guidance for construction industry:** <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20200423-Construction-Industry-Guidance.pdf>
- **PA Worker Safety Order:** <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20200415-SOH-worker-safety-order.pdf>

CDC Links

- Preparing small business for Covid-19:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-small-business.html>
- Cleaning and disinfecting your building:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

DISCLAIMER

Roy, Justin, and Steve are NOT the pandemic safety experts, nor can they give you approval to start work.

We are just trying to share information provided by others.

Follow local guidance for restart of work.

Phased Reopening of PA

- **Red, Yellow, Green System: County Specific**
- **Starts May 8th – likely Northcentral and Northwest PA will reopen first**
- **Depends on:**
 - Number of new cases per capita
 - Availability of tests
 - Other factors

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania/>

Restart of Construction: May 1

- Regardless of red/yellow/green status
- <https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/20200423-Construction-Industry-Guidance.pdf>

GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESSES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PERMITTED TO OPERATE DURING THE COVID-19 DISASTER EMERGENCY

INTENT

The virus that causes Coronavirus 2019 Disease ("COVID-19") is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to safeguard public health and safety. Previously, the Governor and Secretary of Health ordered most construction projects to cease unless they were supporting life-sustaining businesses or activities. Recognizing that the construction industry is vital to Pennsylvania's economy, construction activities may resume in accordance with this guidance.

Businesses in the Commonwealth that have been permitted to maintain in-person operations during the disaster emergency, other than health care providers, must take several precautions to protect their employees, their employees' families, and members of their communities. Businesses that are permitted to maintain in-person operations are those authorized under the [Governor's and Secretary's Non-Life Sustaining Business Closure Orders](#), an exemption from those orders, or subsequent applicable order from the Governor

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BUSINESSES SUBJECT TO THIS GUIDANCE

Beginning May 1, 2020, all businesses in the construction industry in the Commonwealth, including those in new construction, renovation, and repair, as well as land subdivision and design-related field activities, are permitted to maintain in-person operations pursuant to the Governor's and Secretary of Health's April 20, 2020 amendments to the Business Closure Orders so long as their activities strictly adhere to this guidance. Construction projects previously granted an exemption to continue in-person operations may continue operations but must adhere to this guidance.

Prior to May 1, all businesses in the construction industry should continue to follow existing Administration orders and guidance, and may continue to maintain in-person operations to the extent authorized by any existing exemptions.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Administration to ensure that all businesses in the construction industry subject to this guidance conduct operations in the manner best designed to prevent or mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and ensure the safety of the employers, employees and the public as a whole.

All construction businesses authorized to conduct in-person operations in the Commonwealth must adhere to requirements of this guidance, as well as all applicable business and building safety orders issued by the Secretary of Health.

Local political units may elect to impose more stringent requirements than those contained in this guidance. In such instances, businesses must adhere to the more stringent requirements.

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ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

All businesses and employees in the construction industry must do the following:

- Follow all applicable provisions of the Order of the Secretary of Health providing for business safety measures, issued April 15, 2020, including but not limited to provisions requiring that every person present at a work site wear masks/face coverings, and provisions requiring the establishment of protocols for execution upon discovery that the business has been exposed to a person who is a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Follow all applicable provisions of the Order of the Secretary of Health providing for building safety measures, issued April 5, 2020.
- Follow other applicable Department of Health (DOH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance.



Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public Health Safety Measures for Businesses Permitted to Maintain In-person Operations

The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a contagious disease that is rapidly spreading from person to person in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. COVID-19 can

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ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

All businesses and employees in the construction industry must do the following: ...*continued*

- Require social distancing (6-foot minimum distance between workers) unless the safety of the public or workers require deviation (e.g. drywalling, team lifting).
- Provide hand wash stations at appropriate locations on the site such as building entrances, break areas, food truck areas, offices, trailers, and job site egress areas.
- Implement cleaning or sanitizing protocols at all construction sites and projects. Identify and regularly clean and disinfect areas that are at high risk for transmission (requirements to clean common areas and regularly trafficked spaces periodically).

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ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

All businesses and employees in the construction industry must do the following: ...*continued*

- Ensure all gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people, maintaining 6-foot social distancing, when required to meet, even when conducted outside.
- Use virtual meetings, and disseminate information electronically to the extent feasible.
- Stagger shifts, breaks, work areas and/or stacking of trades where feasible to minimize workers on site.
- Limit tool sharing and sanitize tools if they must be shared.
- Employ jobsite screening based on CDC guidance to determine if employees should work. Prohibit from working any employees with any symptoms of COVID-19. Encourage sick employees to stay home.

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ALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

All businesses and employees in the construction industry must do the following: ...*continued*

- Prohibit unnecessary visitors to any project or work site, and limit supplier deliveries.
- Limit access to enclosed spaces to the extent feasible.
- Ensure workers are traveling to and from the job site separately. Wherever possible employees should not share a vehicle.
- Identify a "Pandemic Safety Officer" for each project or work site, or, if a large-scale construction project, then for each contractor at the site. The primary responsibility of the Pandemic Safety Officer will be to convey, implement, and enforce the social distancing and other requirements of this guidance for the protection of employees, suppliers, and other personnel at the site.

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PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION

Elected political subdivisions (or “local political units” as described in the Governor’s guidance), and other public entities should continue to use best judgment in exercising their authority to conduct critical construction projects. All construction decisions should appropriately balance public health and safety while ensuring the continued safety of critical infrastructure. When possible, local political units and public entities should postpone non-essential projects and only proceed with essential projects when they can implement appropriate social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting protocols, and should adhere to this guidance on all construction projects.

Local political units and public entities should officially communicate to contractors whether their specific project will be resumed. Notwithstanding any general authorization to resume construction activities, contractors should not resume work on public construction projects until directed to do so by the applicable governmental unit.

Certain commonwealth agencies and independent commissions have already issued guidance for critical or essential projects that are continuing. Those specific agency or commission directives should be followed unless there is a direct conflict with these guidelines, in which case these guidelines control. Contractors working on public construction projects must follow construction restart or resumption plans established by that agency or commission.

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QUESTIONS AND FURTHER GUIDANCE

Businesses that have questions about whether this guidance applies to them may email the Department of Labor and Industry at RA-LIBOIS-BUILDINGS@pa.gov.

Answers to frequently asked questions involving application of the Employee Safety Order is available [here](#).

Businesses in the construction industry may wish to refer to PennDOT's COVID-19 Guidance for Restarting Construction Projects which provided a process for restarting construction projects that were suspended in response to COVID-19 mitigation. The guidance is available [here](#).

Help is available for people who are struggling with their mental or emotional health or feeling anxious or overly stressed contact the Crisis Text Line by texting PA to 741-741.

Common Sense Practices:

- Wipe down frequently touched areas of vehicles (steering wheel, shifter, radio)
- Drive to worksite separately
- Wear a face mask on the jobsite
- Wear gloves, if necessary
- Travel separately in vehicles
- Maintain social distancing
- Carry hand sanitizer or sanitizer wipes – wash hands often
- Wipe down frequently touched areas of vehicle upon return
- Postpone visit if anyone involved has a sick family member or co-worker

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.**
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Note that some parts of the state will return to “normal” faster than others.

CDGRS and SCC staff can’t “run” your projects for you. If a CD representative is unavailable, you need to postpone.

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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!!**

Thursday 4/30 COSTARS Webinar Postponed

Check your e-mail for an update later today

Technical Assistance in the Field

Center May 1

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Everyone is behind and will be in a hurry!

- Contact us as early as possible
- Please be patient
- If you are uncomfortable or unavailable, delay project

Trout Unlimited May 1 for Construction and May 8 for TAs in green/yellow

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<https://www.dirtandgravel.psu.edu/center-info/center-staff-contact-information>