

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from AGC

AGC Members,

The AGC Management Committee met on Wednesday and outlined a plan to protect and promote our industry during this COVID-19 challenge. The plan includes several parts:

1. Keep construction sites open and establish construction as an essential service for both the state and local governments/AHJ's.
2. Address reports of building and fire inspection suspensions at AHJ's and advocate for continuation of service either physically, 3rd party, off-hours, or virtually. Establish an AHJ Task Force to lead this effort.
3. Establish an industry best practice for the many situations that are arising (this will be a work in progress).
4. Address business continuation needs including cash flow for companies that experience project shutdowns.

On item number 1, we delivered a letter to Gov [Polis](#) and [Denver](#) Mayor Hancock, from a coalition of construction, design, and developer organizations using a united voice for our industry. AGC led the effort to assemble this group along with Colorado Contractors Assn, Colorado Assn of Mechanical & Plumbing Contractors, and Colorado Homebuilders Assn.

On item number 2, we are now collecting information on all AHJ's on their building and fire inspection status (suspended, virtual, 3rd party, off-hours or physical) so we can start to advocate in those situations that need encouragement to re-open at least virtually. We encourage you to provide information on your AHJ's building & fire inspection status to Michael Gifford on the entities you are interacting with and their status. Email to mgifford@agccolorado.org

On item number 4, AGC & Denver Metro Chamber requested on Monday that the Governor's Office apply for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan status. The Governor applied later that day. The SBA has now approved Colorado's request and Colorado businesses, including construction firms, can apply for up to a \$2 million loan at 3.75%. Eligibility information, loan application links and emerging economic recovery resources can all be found at www.choosecolorado.com The management committee is also exploring other options in this area.

Finally, the state is asking the construction industry if it has spare N-95 masks that the state would alter to use at hospitals, as they project 4 hospitals will run out of masks in the next 3 days. The masks must meet NIOSH N95 specifications (must bear label on mask) and be unused and in proper condition for use by OSHA inspection guidelines. Please contact Michael Gifford, AGC CEO at mgifford@agccolorado.org if you have surplus and AGC will get further instructions on where to deliver surplus masks. We realize that this is a large ask given that these masks are also a vital piece of PPE that are used everyday in the construction industry, but in a time of emergency and great need the most valuable resources must be shared by those that have the opportunity to give. This is also a good way we can work cooperatively with the Governor's office and help our fellow Coloradans.

Please know that we are following up with the Governor's office and other entities to underscore that we would like all construction operations to be deemed as essential, as construction sites are not public sites, we keep a safe and healthy distance per CDC and

CDPHE guidelines, we provide essential services, and we keep 180,000 employees working and out of the unemployment system.

The AGC Board will meet next week to discuss all of these items. In the meantime, please let us know on your project and inspection status, and if you have any spare masks.

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