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Keep Workers Safe, Keep Construction Going
Latest Updates & Impact on Construction

New Mexico

- City of Albuquerque Ordinance 0-20-24 'requiring employers to provide and require face masks for employees; requiring notice that employees, customers and others, if present, would be subject to the order.'

For so long as the State of New Mexico Public Health Order, as most recently stated on June 1, 2020, requiring individuals to wear facemasks in public remains in effect, each or multilayer cloth face covering, satisfying guidelines by the Center for Disease Control for non-medical use. Employers shall not charge employees for the mask or face covering entering common areas or publicly accessible areas of the workplace or business.

Jobite Posts

- STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK (https://www.agc-nm.org/docs/StayHomeFromWork_Horizontal-AGC.pdf)
- STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK - Spanish (https://www.agc-nm.org/docs/StayHomeFromWork_Horizontal-AGC-ES.pdf)

More Information

- How to Make Your Own Cloth Face Covering (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Px1ypqjg4)
- ASL Video Series: Easy DIY Cloth Face Covering (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9crxxEKhpk&list=PLvrp9lOLtQatwnrm51qFrstUB4RK6j&index=2&t=0s)
- How to Make Your Own Face Covering Video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yd17TbgVPAm&list=PLvrp9lOLtQZdK2TcaAyd3u4kG6G&index=6&t=0s) (Spanish)


Violations of this ordinance are subject to a civil penalty of $50 per occurrence

- June 30, 2020 updated Public Health Order (PHO)
- On May 28th the Office of the Governor released an updated version of the All Together New Mexico COVID-Safe Practices for Individuals and Employers (https://nm.gov)
  - The updated version makes revisions to the COVID-Safe Practices for Restaurants and added COVID-Safe Practices for the following industries: salons, spas, tattoo parlors, etc.

Essential Businesses and Employers
https://www.agc-nm.org/covid-19_updates.php
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Important

AGC Virtual Media Event: Release of New Construction Data

AGC released the new survey data during a virtual media event today alongside Procore, who also released new data it collects on the impacts of the coronavirus on the i
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(https://www.agc.org/news/2020/05/08/construction-industry-loses-375000-jobs-april-new-association-survey-shows). You can also watch a short video of AGC chief economist i
url:http://bit.ly/2kZ15KpPla%7Cnul9p1Ubq0%data=2%7C701%7Cspohia.valeriano%40agc.org%7C7717c09e1fc9a4ec6a90d87882d52e%7C602d74ac1bd4d3333b3ae35eb

Recap of Current Construction Business Conditions

AGC has prepared a packet of information to help document current market conditions that helped influence many firms’ decisions to apply for Paycheck Protection covering topics like declining demand, growing layoffs and general worries about market conditions for the construction industry. Please see packet HERE (https://www.agc.c
If you feel it appropriate, please consider including this packet of material in the records you retain relating to your application for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

State-by-State Business Reopening Guidance

On May 6, U.S. Chamber of Commerce launched an interactive map with state-specific information (http://mnxis.ratsiekk.progress Безлou.ru.com/k?url=http://3%7C%2F%2Fm.netscape.com%2Fp%2F%2Fdownloads%2F%7C21%data=2%7C701%7CnziAxia.shik%40agc.org%7C764c54d7127a24167c6b008d7f2a3eeef7%7C602d74ac1bd4d3333b3ae35eb
and navigate different state-based public health guidelines as they begin to reopen in communities across the nation. The state-by-state map contains critical information for Ar

Latest Updates

August 3, 2020
Clarifies Outstanding Fringe Benefit Questions Regarding Paid Leave The U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) released additional guidance for employers (ffcrx-guidance-federal-contractors-0)

July 21, 2020
Covers FLSA, FMLA, and FFCRA Issues The U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) released additional guidance to provide information to workers and emplo (https://www.agc.org/news/2020/07/21/dol-releases-additional-guidance-workplaces-reopen-0)

June 29, 2020
Provides Online Tool to Help Workers Determine Eligibility The U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) recently issued a Field Assistance Bulletin addressing summer-school-and-camp-closures-emergency-paid-leave-qualifications-0

June 25, 2020

AGC Victorious in Leading Congressional Passage of PPP Loan Improvements; Association Continues to Fight for Additional Tweaks (https://www.agc.org/news/2020/06/4
June 4, 2020
On June 3, the Senate passed the AGC-backed Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Flexibility Act of 2020 (H.R. 7010) after AGC members sent tens of thousands of messages see (https://www.agc.org/news/2020/06/04/agc-victorious-leading-congressional-passage-ppp-loan-improvements-association)

June 4, 2020
On June 4, AGC provided key members of Congress with its recommendations and white paper, detailing construction employer COVID-19 liability protections and unreasonable puts-forth-construction-firm-liability-workers-comp-protections-protect-good

AGC Calls for Federal Contractors to be Compensated; Submits Comments on DOD Guidance (https://www.agc.org/news/2020/05/28/agc-calls-federal-contractors-be
to-compensate-0)
May 28, 2020
On May 22, AGC submitted comments to the Department of Defense (DOD) request for input regarding draft guidance for contractor reimbursement under Section 3610 of the (https://www.agc.org/news/2020/05/28/agc-calls-federal-contractors-to-compensate-submits-comments-dod-guidance)

OSHA Issues Guidance to Help Construction Workers During the Pandemic (https://www.agc.org/news/2020/05/28/osha-issues-guidance-help-construction-workers-
May 28, 2020

May 28, 2020
In response to recent legislative efforts to force the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to create a new Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) to address the (https://www.agc.org/news/2020/05/28/agc-opposes-overly-onerous-and-broad-covid-19-health-standard)

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https://www.agc-nm.org/covid-19_updates.php
May 28, 2020


AGC is working to secure targeted and reasonable liability protections against legal claims arising from the current pandemic to protect construction firms following recognized seeks-construction-contractor-covid-19-liability-protections.

Prior to the House passing its more than $3 trillion coronavirus relief bill on May 15, AGC shared with legislators its comprehensive analysis on construction industry priorities trillion relief-bill-agc-seeks-improvements-through-legislative.

On May 15, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Department of the Treasury released the Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness application late. The application loan-forgiveness-application-released-final-rules-loan-forgiveness-still.

AGC continues to lead efforts—both legislative and regulatory—to bring needed flexibilities to the terms of the Paycheck Protection Program for the construction industry. In the work-agc-backed-ppp-loan-fixes-imminent-votes-house-and-senate-fixes.

On May 19, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued its latest guidance on recording cases of COVID-19 in the workplace and interim enforcement response plan-agc-revises-its-recordkeeping-guidance-and-interim-enforcement-response-plan.

As previously reported, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) issued a new, temporary enforcement discretion policy for certain noncompliance events that can be epa-covid-related-enforcement-policy-and-resources.

On May 7, AGC organized 152 trade associations in calling for Congress to nullify recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidance essentially making business expenses—which an effort-address-irs-guidance-undermining-ppp-loan-impact-organizes-152.


On April 16, the Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued interim guidance to advise compliance safety and health officials to evaluate an employer’s good fai-on-emergency-during-pandemic.

On April 21, the Senate passed a $480 billion coronavirus relief package that included $310 billion in new funding for the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to package-billions-in-new-sba-ppp.

New guidance from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Department of the Treasury puts Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) borrowers and potential borrowers on notice that they should puts-borrowers-on-notice-of-good-faith.

Construction Officials Urge Congress to Quickly Pass New Coronavirus Relief Measure and Start Work on Broader Recovery Measures, Including New Infrastructure Funding and Pension Relief - The chie on-funding-will-help-support.

New AGC Web Page Shows How the Industry is Protecting Workers and the Public (https://workingsafe.agc.org/) April 15, 2020
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Few industries are as well suited to protecting workers as the construction industry. Contractors are used to following complex and ever-changing safety rules and finding ways to make inherently dangerous work safer.

On April 10, 2020, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued temporary guidance for recording cases of COVID-19 that provides relief to the construction industry. In an earlier letter, OSHA said: "We are not requiring employers to record COVID-19 if the exposure occurred in the workplace. This letter does not constitute an enforcement settlement." (April 9, 2020)

New Trump Administration Guidance Now Allows Firms With 500 Or Fewer Employees To Qualify For Paycheck Protection Program Loans (https://www.agc.org/news/2020/04/07/new-trump April 7, 2020
As part of the Trump Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), much-needed financial assistance for small businesses suffering during the coronavirus pandemic, new guidance issued April 3, 2020, now allows firms with 500 or fewer employees to qualify for PPP loans, regardless of income. This guidance now means that virtually any construction company can take advantage of the program.

Construction Officials Urge Agency to Make Clear that Firms that Employ 500 or Fewer People To Qualify for Paycheck Protection Program Loans, Regardless of Revenue (The chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., says that the SBA’s guidance makes it clear that the PPP program is not available to construction companies.)

Association survey conducted this week suggests industry’s job losses are spreading rapidly; officials call for additional federal measures to help avoid further layoffs and economic pain. The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) released its latest survey of member companies, which found that 27 percent of AGC member firms reported layoffs since the coronavirus crisis began.

AGC Releases Analysis of SBA Paycheck Protection Program (https://www.agc.org/sites/default/files/Safety%202020Health/AGC%20Update%20on%20New%20SBA%20Loan%20Program%20April 2, 2020
AGC has prepared a new analysis of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program, a new loan program enacted in the most-recent coronavirus relief measure under which businesses can defer or eliminate loan payments.

AGC CEO Steve Sandherr requested that the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) enact a one-year delay of the implementation of the leases standard for private companies due to the coronavirus crisis.


Treasury Issues Tax Credit FAQs: The U.S. Department of Labor today announced new action regarding how American workers and employers will benefit from the protections and relief offered by the Employment Development Department.

Survey finds contractors face shortages of materials and workers. Delivery delays and cancellations; Association Officials Urge Additional Measures to Help Workers, Firms and the Economy to Recover (The March collapse in construction outlays contrasts with February's rise as owners, government officials and publicly traded companies moved to react to the Covid-19 pandemic.)

States may take a different approach. On Mar. 26, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a new, temporary enforcement discretion policy for certain noncompliance events that can result from COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on member inquiries, AGC updated our CARES Act analysis as it applies to small business eligibility for the new Small Business Administration (SBA) loan program. Those changes are noted below.

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