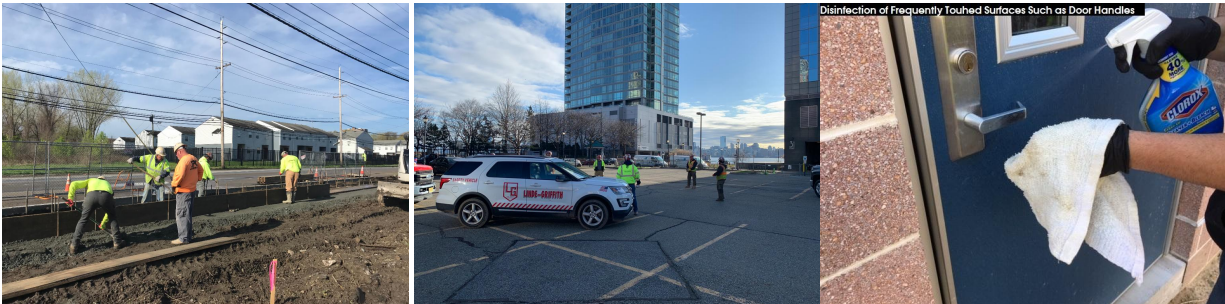




Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

April 2020



Thank you to our members who have sent photos and videos of safety efforts on job sites across New Jersey. We will continue to post these efforts on our social media pages as we receive them.



COVID-19 Updates

Access the documents, bulletins and email blasts referenced below under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org or by visiting <https://accnj.org/covid-19-updates/>.

OSHA COVID Resources & Information on Respiratory Protection Certifications

In an email blast on April 7, we updated members on OSHA's available resources and provided temporary guidance on the enforcement of OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard.

Governor Murphy Halts Non-Essential Construction Work

In an email alert on April 7, ACCNJ gave members an advance update that Governor Murphy would shut down non-essential construction on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. As anticipated, on April 8, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order #122 to halt "non-essential" construction work.

FFCRA Requirements for Collectively Bargained Employees

In email alerts on April 8 and April 27, we distributed to members NJ Earned

Sick Leave and FFCRA guidance, focusing particularly on its application to employees covered under Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Product Supplies: Masks, Face Shields & Hand Sanitizer

In an April 9 email blast, we directed members to vendors with stock of masks, face shields and hand sanitizer available for purchase.

OSHA Further Clarifies Employer Requirement to Record & Report COVID19 Cases

On April 11, ACCNJ distributed an email alert informing members the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued temporary guidance for recording cases of COVID-19 that provides relief to the construction industry. To view OSHA's full enforcement memo, [click here](#).

AGC of America Action Alert

On April 16, ACCNJ, in conjunction with AGC of America, asked members to "Take Action," and tell the Trump Administration and Congress to include immediate funding for state departments of transportation (DOTs) in future COVID-19 relief legislation.

PA Governor's EO Amendment Addresses Resumption of "Limited Construction Activity"

On April 21, we notified members Pennsylvania's Governor Wolf issued an amendment to the original Executive Order issued March 19th to allow the resumption of "limited construction activity," starting Friday, May 8th. On April 24, we updated members of a revised construction start date, moving the May 8th date originally outlined in his plan to May 1st.

Benefit Extension - Non-Working Wages/Hours

In an email alert on April 22, we informed members of several trades that have agreed to temporarily extend the due date for fringe benefits by 30 days. Additionally, several trades whose collective bargaining agreements require fringe benefits on all hours paid, have agreed employers may make wage payments to employees FOR TIME NOT WORKED without paying fringe benefit contributions, except those required by law.

On April 24, we distributed the Emergency Contribution Relief Matrix, which provides you with a summary of those trades and the applicable temporary changes to their respective collection policies.

FEMA Bulletin and OSHA Guidance for the Construction Industry

In an April 23 email blast, we distributed to members guidance provided by OSHA and FEMA to incorporate into preparedness plans and protocol for jobsite safety.

Additional \$310 Billion to Support PPP Loans

On April 24, we notified members Congress passed legislation to further combat COVID-19's impacts to our country by providing \$310 billion in new

funds for the “Paycheck Protection Program,” \$60 billion for Small Business Administration disaster assistance loans and grants, \$75 billion in grants to hospitals and \$25 billion to bolster coronavirus testing.

Governor Murphy's Road Back to Economic Health

In an email alert on April 27, we informed members Governor Murphy announced his Administration's plan - *"The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health."* During his daily press conference, the Governor outlined six benchmarks to guide the process for restoring our State's economic health. To view, [click here](#).

ACCNJ Weekly Update on COVID-19

During the past five weeks, ACCNJ has sent numerous emails to our members pertaining to the Coronavirus. On April 28, we sent our first weekly synopsis highlighting a few key pieces of information. We will continue to send out this weekly update with information that is most important for members.

New Jersey's Workers' Compensation Laws

In an April 28 email alert, we informed members NJ's Department of Banking and Insurance (DOBI) gave explicit direction to its division, NJ Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau (CRIB), to exclude all COVID-19 claims from the experience modification rating (EMR) calculation.

Labor

Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Wage and Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 43-2020, we distributed to Active Members the schedule of wages and fringe benefits for Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Nos. 4 & 5 and the Cement Masons & Plasterers, Local No. 5/2. Access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](#).

Dockbuilders Local No. 1556 Wage and Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 44-2020, we distributed to Active Members the wage and fringe benefits for Dockbuilders Local No. 1556 for Concrete Formwork and Inland Foundation rates. In Bulletin 50-2020, we distributed to Active Members a revised wage and fringe benefit schedule for Dockbuilders Local No. 1556 for Marine and Foundation rates to replace the Marine and Foundation rates sent in Bulletin 44-2020. Access the bulletins under April Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](#).

Teamsters Wage and Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 45-2020, we sent to Active Members the schedule of wages and fringe benefits for the Teamsters Locals 408, 469 & 560. Access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](#).

EAS Regional Council of Carpenters Wage and Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 46-2020, we shared with Active Members the schedule of wages and fringe benefits for the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters and the Eastern Millwright Regional Council. Access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NJ Building Laborers Wage and Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 48-2020, we distributed to Active Members the schedule of wages and fringe benefits for the New Jersey Building Laborers Local Nos. 3 & 77. Access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Dockbuilders Local No. 441 Wage and Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 49-2020, we shared with Active Members the schedule of wages and fringe benefits for Dockbuilders Local No. 441. Access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Teamster Local 676 Wage and Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 51-2020, we distributed to Active Members the schedule of wages and fringe benefits for the teamsters Local 676. Access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Government Affairs

NJTA Proposed Toll Schedule and Capital Plan

In early April, ACCNJ submitted formal comments to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority Commissioners in support of the proposed toll schedule and subsequently supported capital program. The toll or fare increases are necessary to improve service for the taxpayers and to enable longer-term capital planning for the State.

NJ P3 Regulations Finalized

In Bulletin 47-2020, we informed members the regulations for Public-Private Partnerships in New Jersey were finalized and include contractor protections suggested by ACCNJ. For details, access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Programs and Events

COVID-19 Effects on the Construction Industry Webinar

ACCNJ members and labor partners are invited to register for a webinar hosted by Jeffrey Otteau of Otteau Valuation Group, COVID-19 Effects on the Construction Industry, which will take place on May 14, 2020. Jeffrey Otteau will guide you on what happens next to help you plan for the future, as he

discusses important topics such as state of the economy, capital markets trends and more. To register, access the email blast in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Programs & Events Calendar Update

In an April email blast, we announced that reaching out to members to support ACCNJ programs and events in the coming months is not something we feel comfortable doing. Therefore, ACCNJ has cancelled the majority of its programs and events for the balance of the year.

Should our Country's efforts in social distancing payoff and we see light somewhere in this tunnel, we will certainly revisit our options of including programs for the fall and winter.

Safety

Safety Day 2020 – Postponed

Our goal this year was to have ACCNJ's Safety Day coincide with National Safety Week. Since that event has been postponed to the Fall, so too has ACCNJ's Safety Day. We will notify you once a new date is selected.

Communications & Publications

Social Media and Members' Commitment to Safety

In an effort to showcase how the construction industry, and particularly our members, have adhered to the strictest safety protocols from day one and are going above and beyond the recommendations of respected agencies to keep their workforce safe, ACCNJ is collecting images and videos of the steps you are taking to protect your workers. We will continue to post these efforts on various social media channels.

Additionally, AGC of America has developed a new website designed to highlight how the construction industry is working to protect construction workers and the public from the spread of the coronavirus. This new site: workingsafe.agc.org highlights many of the steps firms are taking to protect workers and includes photos of different examples of these practices.

COVID-19 Construction Industry Impact Survey

In April we sent active members a survey on COVID-19's Impact on the Construction Industry. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your responses will assist us in continuing to provide you with the appropriate information you need to navigate this situation as well as reinforce the message we convey on your behalf to government officials.

Education & Workforce Development

Tuition Reimbursement Program Continued

In Bulletin 17-2020, we alerted Active Members that ACCNJ's Industry Advancement Trust has approved continuing the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. For complete information, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

CIAP Summer Interns Still Available

In a March email blast, we informed members students are still available to interview with your company should you have an opportunity for them in the office or at job sites this summer. Please contact us if you would like a copy of the resumes and program guidelines: jschiff@accnj.org.

Virtual Construction Classes

ACCNJ has compiled a list with a few courses, which are available as online learning or via teleconferencing, relevant to the construction industry. Some are at no cost, while others have a fee associated.

We encourage you to share this document with your coworkers. We also invite you to provide us with any courses you would recommend adding. Access the courses here: [ONLINE LEARNING COURSES](#)

Virtual Industry Events

Peckar & Abramson Webinar

Peckar & Abramson invites ACCNJ members to join their upcoming Webinar COVID-19 Construction Update: Claims and Related Coverage Issues, which will be held on May 6, 2020 at 2PM.

Bluebeam Revu for Beginners

ACCNJ member ZenTek Consultants, a certified Bluebeam Partner, is offering an online course, "Bluebeam Revu for Beginners," for ACCNJ Active Members from May-June 2020. This program is delivered in four, two-hour online sessions. A live instructor will explain the detailed functions and address questions as the class progresses. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Hot Topics Recap

In April, we posted these Hot Topics at accnj.org:

- More than One-Quarter of Metro Areas Shed Construction Jobs in March
- US Senators Propose \$19.5 Billion Water Infrastructure Bill
- Stockton Puts a Hold on Dorm Expansion Project
- Seton Hall Plots Future Student Housing Complex

- **NJ DOT Gets \$47.3 Million for Bridge Maintenance**
 - **March Construction Employment Indicates Start of Down Trend**
 - **Woodbridge Mixed-Use Project Planned**
 - **Pennsylvania Opens Some Construction Sites**
 - **Rowan Guide: How to 3D-Print Face Masks**
 - **AI App Measures Social Distancing on Jobsites**
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