



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

March 2020

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/>.

ACCNJ Creates COVID-19 Micropage on Website

As ACCNJ continues to be diligent in updating our members on COVID-19 and its impact on the construction industry, we have created a webpage, accessible by visiting <https://accnj.org/covid-19-updates/> or from the homepage of our website, for your utilization. We will continue to update the page regularly with information sent out via bulletin and email blast, as well as updates from AGC of America and the Murphy Administration. We hope this helps you easily find information to assist you in navigating your business around COVID-19.

COVID-19 - Concerns and Potential Impact

On March 10, ACCNJ began collecting concerns and questions from members to help us create guidance and helpful documents regarding COVID-19.

COVID-19 Guidance from Peckar & Abramson

On March 13, ACCNJ distributed guidance for contractors regarding COVID-19 from Peckar & Abramson. It provides a detailed outline and answers questions regarding the impact COVID-19 will have on the construction industry.

Workplace Stalled Site Plan

With input and cooperation from our sister chapters in Pennsylvania, ACCNJ distributed a guide to assist you in closing your projects SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. Our effort is to be proactive and prepared. While it is not an all-inclusive, one size fits all guide, we hope it will help in this unprecedented time.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“FFCRA”) on March 18, requiring private-sector employers with fewer than 500 employees to provide paid sick leave at different levels to employees who are unable to work or telework due to identified circumstances related to COVID-19. On March 21, ACCNJ provided guidance on the FFCRA, as well as a memo from Susanin Widman and Brennan with further information. On March 30, we distributed further guidance from Susanin Widman and Brennan in the form of a question and answers document.

Governor Murphy Keeps Construction Essential

On March 21, Governor Murphy implemented additional restrictions in response to COVID-19. In frequent communications with the Front Office, ACCNJ confirmed before the press conference that construction would not be included in the enhanced restrictions aimed to shut down all non-essential businesses.

New Jersey Department of Labor Guidance

On March 23, ACCNJ outlined guidance issued by the NJDOL for workers affected by COVID-19. We also outlined guidelines put in place by the Murphy Administration for construction workers.

COVID-19 Fraud Warnings

OSHA representatives have advised us that COVID-19 has fostered malicious behavior. Be aware that criminals are attempting to exploit COVID-19 worldwide through a variety of scams. In an email blast on March 24, we detailed those scams and what to be aware of to protect yourself.

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Guidance

On March 25, ACCNJ informed members that after strongly advocating for local construction inspection guidance from the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJ DCA) since the COVID-19 outbreak impacted the State, the Murphy Administration and NJ DCA released a memo, stating “local enforcing agencies cannot restrict code officials from performing their obligations under the Uniform Construction Code.”

Letter from AGC of America CEO

AGC of America CEO Steve Sandherr sent a letter to all AGC members emphasizing the importance of construction leadership stepping up to the plate during the COVID-19 Crisis. On March 26, ACCNJ distributed the letter to members to reiterate the message: EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY’S EMPLOYEES, BOTH MANAGEMENT AND CRAFTWORKERS.

COVID-19 Pre-Screening Questionnaire and Tips

On March 27, ACCNJ distributed a Pre-Screening Questionnaire on Proactive Measures for Addressing COVID-19. The questionnaire includes questions construction contractors may want to ask of all employees, visitors and

vendors, prior to allowing them to enter any one jobsite. This document was updated and distributed on March 30.

US Army Corps of Engineers Update on COVID-19 Response

In an email blast on March 27, ACCNJ informed members of the guidance provided by the Murphy Administration in regard to the Army Corps of Engineers' "Pop-Up" Hospital Sites in New Jersey. This information was updated and distributed on March 30.

Election Law Annual Business Entity Disclosure

In an email blast on March 27, ACCNJ distributed to members an updated message from ELEC, which lays out a process for business entities who need more time to file due to COVID-19 variables.

Federal Stimulus Law

In an email blast on March 28, ACCNJ informed members New Jersey will get at least \$5.8 billion from the federal stimulus package signed into law by President Trump. Of significance within New Jersey's construction community, NJ Transit will get a total of \$1.76 billion and Amtrak will receive more than \$1 billion to help fund the Northeast Corridor line and to assist in protecting Amtrak functions and employees.

AGC COVID-19 Webinar Series Recordings for Part I and II

AGC of America has made available links to the first two webinars AGC hosted on "[Navigating the Outbreak: An Eight Part Webinar Series on the Factors that Construction Companies Need to Consider, as They Strive for Business Continuity.](#)" Only members with AGC of America credentials are able to access the webinars. Access the webinars at www.agc.org.

New Jersey Board of Health Guidance on COVID-19 Contact

The New Jersey Board of Health has issued guidance on the contact of a close or casual contact of a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19. ACCNJ distributed the document to members on March 31, which provides background and guidance on risk assessment, self-isolation, social distancing, and close vs. casual contacts.

Labor

Operating Engineers, Local No. 825 Agreements (Highway & Building) Settlement

In Bulletin 31-2020, we informed Active Members new three-year Agreements have been reached with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 825. Access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org. In addition the Memorandum of Understanding for the heavy-highway agreement can be found on the ACCNJ website.

Government Affairs

Federal and State Governments Take Action to Combat COVID-19 Business and Social Impacts

In Bulletin 35-2020, we outlined for members the legislative proposals introduced by NJ Senate President Sweeney and Speaker Coughlin to blunt the impact of COVID-19's effect on businesses and workers of varying industries. For details, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Governor Murphy Issues E.O. on COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts

In Bulletin 36-2020, we notified members of Governor Murphy's Executive Order #104, which implements "aggressive social distancing measures" to combat the spread of COVID-19. For details, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NJ Board of Public Utilities Emergency Order

In Bulletin 41-2020, we notified members the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) held a special meeting by telephone to discuss emergency measures to help minimize the effects of COVID-19 by those under the direction of the BPU. The BPU Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the emergency order. For details, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NJ Legislature Passes and Governor Signs COVID-19 Bill Package

In Bulletin 42-2020, we informed members the NJ Senate and General Assembly held emergency voting sessions and passed a series of bills in response to COVID-19. Governor Murphy signed the measures into law on March 21, 2020. For details, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

School Construction

School Construction Referendum Results – March 12, 2020

In Bulletin 34-2020, we distributed to members the results of the special school construction referenda held March 10, 2020. Access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Programs and Events

March Membership Meeting – Postponed

ACCNJ's March Membership Meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, July

14, 2020, at the Triumph Brewing Co., Red Bank. Guests will enjoy a casual summer networking event. We will be transferring all registrations from the March Membership Meeting to the new July date. *You will need to do nothing should you still wish to attend.* However, if you will no longer be able to join us in July, please advise as soon as possible for a full refund: lbranningan@accnj.org.

ACCNJ Regional Meeting – Postponed

In Bulletin 28-2020, we notified members that following the merger of BCA of Atlantic County into the Association in 2018, and the merger of BCA of South Jersey into the Association in 2019, we will begin hosting regional meetings to accommodate our increasing presence in South Jersey. Unfortunately, ACCNJ has postponed its April 21, 2020 Regional Membership Meeting that was to be held at Seaview Resort in Galloway. We will be sure to keep you updated with the rescheduled date. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

ACCNJ Sporting Clay Event – Postponed

ACCNJ's Sporting Clay Event has been postponed due to COVID-19. We are looking to reschedule the event for Fall 2020.

ACCNJ Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner – Save the Date!

ACCNJ's Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner will be held on June 15, 2020, at Rockaway River Country Club, Rockaway, NJ. While we would have normally distributed registration forms by now, this event is being closely monitored, as it may be postponed.

Fall Convention Sponsorships

In Bulletin 33-2020, we announced to members sponsorship opportunities for the ACCNJ 2020 Fall Convention, being held September 16-18, 2020 at the Golden Nugget, Atlantic City. Convention sponsors receive one free, full registration. For more information and to access rates and opportunities, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

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.

ACCNJ Safety Council – Canceled

ACCNJ has canceled our April 17 Safety Council Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edison. We will be transferring all registrations from the April Safety

Council Meeting to the next meeting scheduled for July 17th. *You will need to do nothing should you still wish to attend in July.* However, if you will no longer be able to join us in July, please advise as soon as possible for a full refund: jschiff@accnj.org.

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.

ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation Program – Now Open

In Bulletin 29-2020, we informed Active Members of the 2020 ACCNJ Scholarship opportunities, assisting the children and grandchildren of eligible members with their higher education needs. The applications and all supporting documents may be found online in the Education section of accnj.org or by calling the ACCNJ office at 732.225.2265. All applications must be received at the ACCNJ office by April 12. In Bulletin 40-2020 we announced that because of the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, applicants may electronically submit their transcripts and letters of recommendation on school letterhead. Access the bulletins under March bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org and distribute the information to your employees.

2020 Construction Industry Career Day – Canceled

As a result of the escalating cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey and the tristate area, which are only estimated to continue to rise over the coming weeks, the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center is slated to be a “Pop Up” Hospital. Therefore, it is unavoidable that we must cancel Construction Industry Career Day.

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.

Communications & Publications

Advertising Opportunities in *New Jersey Construction Magazine*

In Bulletin 30-2020, we informed members of advertising opportunities in *New Jersey Construction*. However, due to the impact of COVID-19, ACCNJ

will no longer publish a Summer 2020 issue of *New Jersey Construction*. If you have already purchased advertising space for the magazine, your advertisement and payment will be directed to the Fall 2020 issue of *New Jersey Construction* unless otherwise directed. Access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org. For questions, contact mdevito@accnj.org.

ACCNJ 2019 Annual Report

In Bulletin 32-2020, we sent members a link to ACCNJ's 2019 Annual Report, which captures the activity of our organization and shows the achievements of the Association. Hard copies were also mailed to members and our labor partners. You can find the Annual Report here:

<https://accnj.org/communications-publications/annual-report/>

Member News

ACCNJ welcomes the following new members, approved at the March 2020 Board Meeting via Conference Call:

Cornerstone Contracting, Inc., Roselle, NJ
Eastern Landscape Contractors, Inc., Tinton Falls, NJ
Hilti, Inc., Cherry Hill, NJ (Approved December 2019)
Hoffman Equipment, Piscataway, NJ
Holt Construction, Pearl River, NY
USA Environmental Management, Inc., Philadelphia, PA
Versico Roofing Systems, Carlisle, PA

Hot Topics Recap

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

- **Vineland Approves New Industrial Construction**
 - **States Add Construction Jobs Before Coronavirus Hits**
 - **Construction Loan for Elizabeth Apartments**
 - **Newark Approves Transit Village Designation Request**
 - **New Rule Would Bypass Oversight for Wastewater Projects**
 - **Annex at Kearny Point Gets Financing**
 - **Jersey City to Expand Light Rail and Mixed-Use Development**
 - **City Advances Hoboken Yard Redevelopment**
 - **Coronavirus Impact Lowering Costs of Construction Materials**
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