

Coronavirus Legal Issues for Construction

Covid-19 Construction Impacts Discussion Forum





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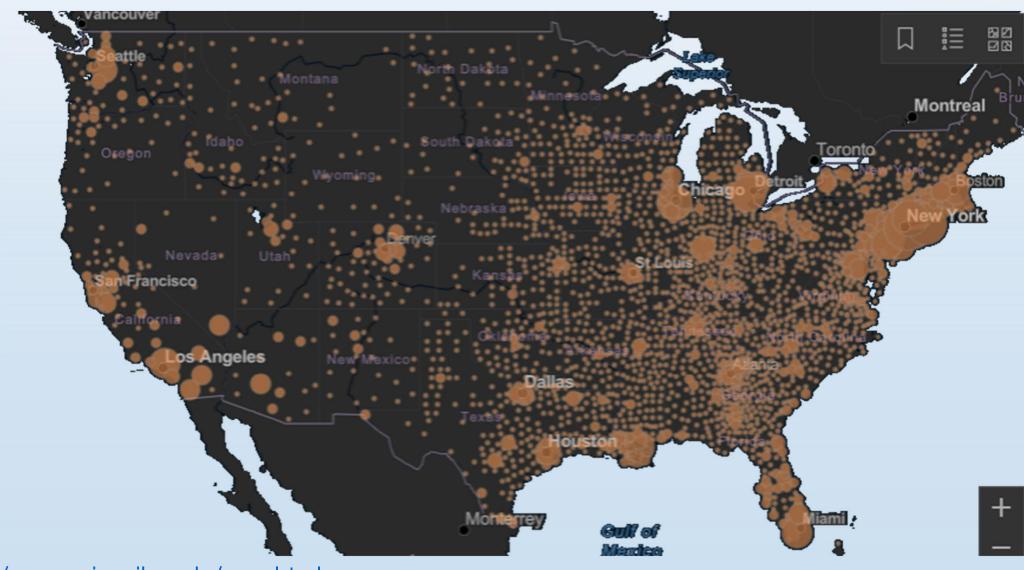
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Active Cases





https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html

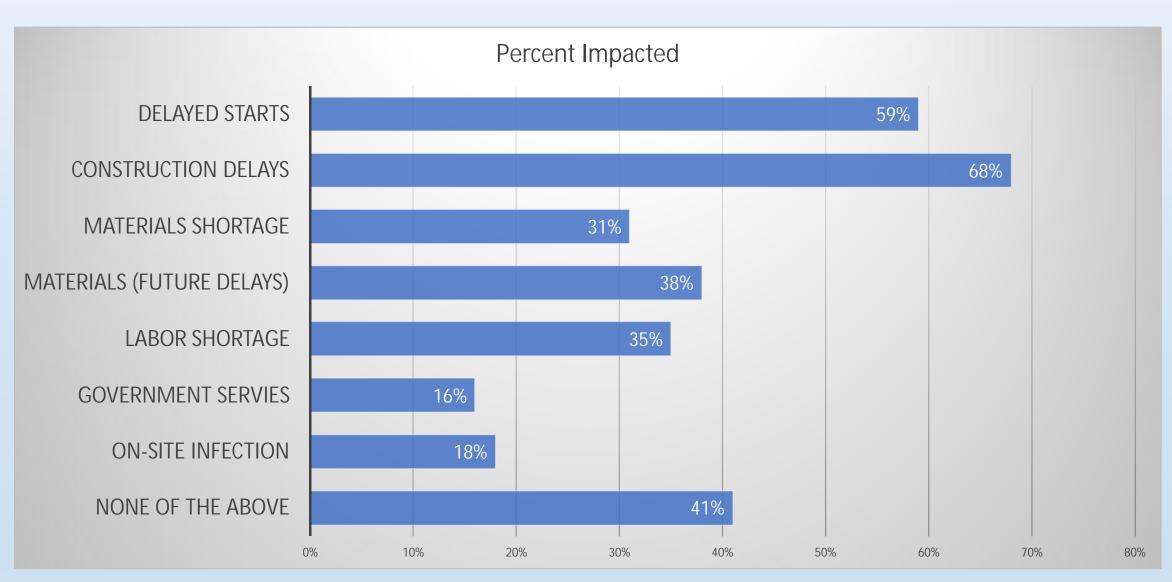
Reported Impacts on Construction



- AGC 4/2
 - 27% have been required to stop work by government order
 - 53% have experienced owner delays or cancelations
- NMHC 4/6
 - ~30% reported impacts from orders
 - 55% reported delays
- Anecdotal reports range from ~5% to 70%

AGC/NMHC





NMHC – Alternative Strategies

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Sourcing materials from alternative locations	43%
Sourcing alternative building materials	16%
Using technology to replace in-person transactions like inspections and approvals	67%
Staggering shifts to reduce on-site exposure	52%
Offering workforce incentives or other benefits	14%
Other	14%

Questions Submitted

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- Extent of impacts
 - Stoppage
 - Delays
 - Materials
 - Labor
 - Costs
- Bldg dept impacts
 - Permits
 - Inspections
 - CO
- Impact on post construction sales and leasing

• If a shutdown occurs

- What's the protocol?
- What questions should we ask?
- What documentation should we be getting?
- How do we position ourselves to ramp up?
- Handling of pay applications
- Risk management during shutdown
- Handling of retention?
- Availability of PPE

Standstill Agreements



- 1. Make the site secure and safe
- 2. Agree on a detailed picture of the state of construction costs and schedule to date
- 3. Obtain a detailed list of contractors and suppliers
- 4. Obtain a current pay application and waivers
- 5. Agree on suspension of any rights the contractor has to terminate the dormant project
- 6. Agree on demobilization and remobilization fees
- 7. Evaluate insurance requirements

Construction Status Review

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Documentation

- Collect and review key documents
 - Contract
 - Subcontracts
 - Schedule
 - Pay application
 - Insurance
 - Inventory of on-site and off-site stored materials
 - Inspection, UCC-1, other assurance
 - Lien releases

Interviews

GC, major subs and suppliers,

Site Observations

- Access
- Security
- Completion status with copious phot documentation
- Stored materials
 - Rough inventory
 - Security
 - Protection from elements
- Project Weatherization
- Excavations
- Manpower
- SWPPP

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