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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE PENN-DEL-JERSEY CHAPTER, NECA

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RE: DELAWARE COVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER

Please be advised that Delaware Governor John Carney has issued a shelter in place order in Delaware effective Tuesday, March 24 at 8:00 AM. All residents of Delaware are urged to stay home except to conduct life-essential activities and all “non-essential” businesses must close.

“Essential” business activities, including all forms of construction, may continue, according to the most recent update to the standing order.

Employers choosing to remain open are required to follow certain infection control measures:

- Maximize teleworking, especially for high-risk individuals.
- Follow State and CDC guidelines for social distancing for staff and customers. This includes remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet) from others when possible.
- Separate sick employees from other individuals immediately.
- Prohibit employees who have been told they must be isolated or quarantined from work until they have been cleared by DPH or a medical professional.
- Have handwashing stations and / or hand sanitizer readily available for all employees throughout the day. Staff should wash hands with warm water and soap when entering and leaving worksite.
- Enforce cough and sneeze hygiene, such as coughing into your elbow.
- Follow all State and CDC guidelines and recommendations for environmental cleaning.
- Prohibit visitors inside worksites unless they are providing essential services.
The Governor is also strongly recommending that employers screen all employees before they enter the worksite each day. Suggested screening procedures are available here.

To view the Governor’s most recent (fifth) update to his standing order, which issues the “shelter in place” regulations, click the link below:

DELAWARE ORDER FIFTH MODIFICATION

To view the Governor’s fourth update to the standing order, which describes business responsibilities, click the link below:

DELAWARE ORDER FOURTH MODIFICATION

To view a table of business activities and their Delaware closure status, click the link below:

DELAWARE BUSINESS CLOSURE TABLE

Please note that unlike Delaware, Pennsylvania has issued an order to stop all construction activities not related to health care facilities or emergency repairs. Be sure to familiarize yourself with these guidelines if you conduct any work in Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions, please contact me at akelley@ncea-pdj.org.

Very Respectfully,

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