

April 15, 2020

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

FROM: AARON R. KELLEY,
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RE: PA HEALTH SECRETARY: NEW COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

Please be advised that Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine has [issued a new order](#) requiring additional health safety protocols for all businesses maintaining in-person operations in the Commonwealth.

This new order is **effective immediately** and will be enforceable as of **8:00 PM on Sunday, April 19, 2020.**

The new requirements include implementing strict social distancing, mitigation, and cleaning protocols. These include, but **are not limited to:**

- Establishing protocols for execution upon discovery that a business has been exposed to a person who is a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19, including daily temperature checks, identifying employees that were in close contact with the potentially-infected employees, and closing off areas visited by the potentially-infected employees ;
- Staggering work start, stop, and break times;
- Limiting the number of persons in employee break areas to ensure that employees can maintain a social distance of 6 feet;
- Providing a sufficient amount of space for employees to have breaks and meals while maintaining a social distance of 6 feet, while arranging seating to have employees facing forward and not across from each other in eating and break settings;
- Prohibiting non-essential visitors from entering the business premises;
- Providing employees access to regular handwashing with soap, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes;

- Ensuring that common areas (including break rooms, locker rooms, rest rooms, and others) are cleaned on a regular basis, including between shifts;
- Providing masks for employees to wear during their time at the business and making it mandatory to wear masks while on the work site except while on a break to eat or drink;
- Ensuring that all employees are made aware of all required procedures;

A full list of the requirements can be found in the complete order below:

[CLICK HERE FOR COMPLETE ORDER AND NEW REQUIREMENTS](#)

Please familiarize yourself with these requirements as soon as possible. You must implement them if you are continuing any exempt in-person business operations in Pennsylvania.

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

Very Respectfully,

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