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COVID-19 Related News Resources:

- ENR:

Trump Picks Construction 'Economic Revival' Team; Issues Eased Social Distance Guidance to States

Construction corporate, union and trade group executives are among 200 business chiefs President Donald Trump hosted on April 15 for the first meeting of advisory groups quickly assembled to advise his plan to restart the COVID-19 stalled U.S. economy, which he targets for May 1.

But on April 16 and just before—with testing shortfalls and cases high—governors in New York, Maine, Vermont, Delaware and other states, and Washington D.C. officials said that non-essential work shutdowns now will extend beyond that date by up to two weeks, with some even farther.

Shutdowns in Virginia now will reach to June 10 and those in Maryland, California and elsewhere remain indefinite. The three western coastal states, and separately, seven northeastern states, and a bipartisan group of seven midwestern states have agreed to joint pacts on when to open their economies.

Social Distance Guidance Released

The administration on April 16 released [new guidance](#) to states on social distance easing, that include phased-in reopening based on degree of transmission severity in areas.

Some social distance mandates may have to remain in place through year end to prevent a new outbreak, while others "could see a resumption in normal commerce and social gatherings after a month of evaluating whether the easing of restrictions leads to a resurgence in virus cases," says the Associated Press.

In a briefing to U.S. governors, Trump said they would be responsible for deciding when to lift restrictions in their states, telling them "You're going to call your own shots," AP reported.

Executives tapped for the 17 administration industry groups, part of its April 14-announced "Great American Economic Revival," will work with government in response to the pandemic's financial impact "to chart the path forward toward a future of unparalleled American prosperity," said a White House statement.

The groups are described as "bipartisan," but, according to the New York Times, [include a number](#) of Trump financial backers and supporters.

The White House was not immediately available for further comment on April 14 on group mission and work products, which were not described, with groups termed by one official [in an NBC report](#), "the beginning of a dialogue."

Construction Advisers Identified

Members of the industry-related group, dubbed "construction/labor/workforce," include CEOs of Fluor Corp. and Bechtel, chiefs of five unions and labor councils, and heads of six major industry lobby groups.

The White House list of all group members excluded titles. See the augmented list of construction appointees below.

Also in this group is Los Angeles real estate developer Geoffrey Palmer, who has made a \$2-million donation to the Trump re-election campaign, [the Washington Post reports](#), citing federal filings made public on April 15. A separate group of executives under the real estate category also includes CEOs of developers The Related Group, Vornado Realty Trust, Simon Property Group and Starwood Capital Group.

Among other groups formed include leaders in energy, transportation, telecommunications, defense contracting, manufacturing and retail.

Linda Bauer Darr, president and CEO of the American Council of Engineering Cos. (ACEC), which represents at least 5,300 design-related firms, participated in the meeting and said a plan to emerge from the coronavirus pandemic is needed.

"It will be critical for the president and Congress to agree on an infrastructure stimulus that will create jobs through sustained, predictive, long-term investment," she said in a statement.

ABC's Bellaman: Employee Retention is Key

Michael D. Bellaman, Associated Builders and Contractors president and CEO who is another named advisor, said employee retention is key to maintaining its supply chain and points to the U.S. Small Business Administration's [Paycheck Protection Program](#), a loan that allows small businesses to keep workers on payroll.

He said "another strategy discussed was enactment of a substantial infrastructure package," but ENR reports that such a stimulus has moved to the ["back burner"](#) of federal priority.

ABC said establishing new best practices to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health standards, including efficient testing, are essential for a healthy workforce to deliver projects temporarily shut down due to COVID-19, a sentiment it claims was echoed on the call with Trump.

James P. Hoffa, general president of the Teamsters union, shared its top three priorities, which include all-worker access to PPE, sanitizer and a disinfected workplace; access to reliable testing; and U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards to hold "bad actor employers" accountable.

"Until we can ensure worker safety, we cannot put our members and workers at further risk by opening the economy up too soon," said Hoffa in a statement, contending that 1 million Teamsters are currently working as essential.

The construction/labor/workforce members are:

- Linda Bauer Darr, president and CEO, American Council of Engineering Cos.
 - Jim Callahan, general president, International Union of Operating Engineers
 - Sean McGarvey, president, North America's Building Trades Union
 - Terry O'Sullivan, general president, Laborers' International Union of North America
 - James P. Hoffa, general president, International Brotherhood of Teamsters
 - David Long, CEO, National Electrical Contractors Association
 - Brendan Bechtel, chairman and CEO, Bechtel
 - Carlos Hernandez, CEO, Fluor Corp.
 - Jerry Howard, CEO, National Association of Home Builders
 - Michael Bellaman, president and CEO, Associated Builders and Contractors
 - Stephen Sandherr, CEO, Associated General Contractors of America
 - Richard Trumka, president, AFL-CIO
 - Geoffrey Palmer, owner, GH Palmer & Associates
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- The Architect Newspaper: [NYC halts public design work over budget woes](#)
 - AXIOS: [Trump calls on governors with "beautifully low" coronavirus numbers to reopen on May 1](#)
 - [ACEC CEO Named to White House Task Force](#)
 - Pumps & Systems: [Engineering Association to Congress: Re-Fund the PPP](#)

Federal Action on Coronavirus:

Additionally, SBA and Treasury have posted new documents to their respective PPP websites, including the latest update to the PPP FAQ document:

- [Paycheck Protection Program Loans: Frequently Asked Questions \(Updated\)](#)
- The [Interim Final Rule](#) announcing Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans for the Paycheck Protection Program. This information is being posted in advance of publication in the Federal Register. The official version will appear in the Federal Register.

SBA also released a slide deck yesterday summarizing PPP loan activity to date – note that the construction and professional services sectors have been heavy users of the program. Through April 13, 2020, the SBA has guaranteed 1,035,086 loans under the Paycheck Protection Program. For more information on loan activity, [click here](#).

We're hearing of possible progress on a deal that includes an additional \$250 billion for the PPP program. I'll keep you posted as we get further information and details.

- March 27 – President signs [Memorandum](#) on Order Under the Defense Production Act Regarding General Motors Company.

- March 27 – President signs Executive Order Delegating Additional Authority Under the DPA with Respect to Health and Medical Resources to Respond to the Spread of COVID-19.
- March 27 – President signs Executive Order to Order the Select Reserve and Certain Members of the Individual Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces to Active Duty
- March 27, 2020 — The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act was signed by President Trump.
- March 27, 2020 — The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act was approved the U.S. House.
- March 26 – Department of Health and Human Services issues designation of scarce COVID-19 resources subject to hoarding prevention measures.
- March 23, 2020 – The President issued a second Defense Production Act Executive Order: Preventing Hoarding of Medical Resources to Respond to the Spread of COVID-19.
- March 22 – President Trump authorized the use of National Guard under Title 32, 502(f) for California, New York and Washington
- *March 22* – President Trump approved Major Disaster Declarations for Washington and California
- *March 20* – President Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for New York.
- March 19 – USDA and DOL Announce Information Sharing to Assist H-2A Employers.
- March 18, 2020 – President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
- March 18, 2020 – The U.S. Senate passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
- March 18 – HUD Provides Immediate Relief For Homeowners Amid Nationwide Coronavirus Response. HUD announces a suspension of all foreclosure and evictions for the next 60 days.

Global Snapshot from the World Health Organization:¹

Useful link: [COVID-19 Situation Dashboard](#)

Globally²:

- Cases: 1,991,562+
- Deaths: 130,885+

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT: Global Level Very High

U.S. COVID-19 Statistics³:

COVID-19 at a Glance in the U.S.:

- Total cases: 673,096+
- Total deaths: 30,809+

List of State Testing Centers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing-in-us.html>

¹ All data is drawn from the WHO's COVID-19 daily [Situation Reports](#).

² <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

³ <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/coronavirus-us-cases.html>

Regional COVID-19 Statistics:

COVID-19 Cases in DC:⁴

- Number of people tested overall: 12,643
- Number of positives: 2,476
- Number of Deaths: 86
- Number of People who have Recovered: 573

Current DC Health Advisory (as of March 20th)

March 30th [Stay at Home Order](#)

COVID-19 Cases in Maryland:⁵

- Number of positive COVID-19 tests: 10,784
- Number of Deaths: 392
- Hospitalizations: 2,451
- Negative Tests: 48,059
- Released from Isolation: 736

COVID-19 Cases in Virginia:⁶

- Total tests conducted: 48,997
- Cases of COVID-19: 7,491
- Hospitalized: 1,221
- Deaths: 231

**Data include both confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 reported to CDC or tested at CDC since January 21, 2020, with the exception of testing results for persons repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.*

Conventions and Event Status for Groups and Associations:

For an updated list of events visit:

<https://www.northstarmeetinggroup.com/News/Industry/coronavirus-meetings-Postponements-Cancellations-COVID-19>

⁴ <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/coronavirus-data>

⁵ <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx>

⁶ <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>