
U-M Capital Projects During COVID-19 Outbreak

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To Our Valued Contractor Community,

The safety of the University of Michigan community remains the #1 priority of AEC. You are part of our community and we care about all the men and women working on our construction projects.

The University of Michigan has put in place changes to fulfill our mission in response to the COVID-19 virus, and will continue to do so as the situation evolves, however these changes do not affect our projects and **construction work can continue**. Our AEC and Facilities & Operations teams will continue to support all of the projects needs within our COVID-19 guidelines for personal health and safety and for the prevention of virus spread.

Many of you have already implemented enhanced practices to address protecting your staff and the shared community, and we thank you for this enhanced effort. We have seen on site additional practices, such as staggering break times for increased distancing/reduced group sizes, additional cleaning of break areas and toilet facilities, daily worker health check-ins, and more frequent visits from corporate health and safety professionals. We thank you for your commitment to health and safety. We have helped contractors provide temporary hand washing facilities, which could include rental units, or sinks connected to a temporary water/sewer, or portable holding tanks. If contractors are unable to determine a way to provide hand-washing facilities, let your AEC project manager know immediately.

Communication is always important on capital projects, and even more so now. Please let us know if you have challenges related to staffing or material deliveries, or are experiencing other project related issues. Our staff will continue to support the project, respond to issues, and process payments and change orders.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this challenge. The COVID-19 situation is evolving quickly and further adjustments may be coming. Critical research is still ongoing and patient treatment will be of paramount importance. You are a critical part of our success, and we rely on your continued commitment to cooperation and agility as our status evolves. Feel free to contact us if you have questions.

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Link to CDC for reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>