

Navigating Uncharted Waters:  
Suppliers and Distributors & COVID-19

# COVID-19

and the construction industry



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[www.awci.org/covid19survey](http://www.awci.org/covid19survey)

- On a scale of 0 (“no impact”) to 100 (“severe impact”), average response was **50** (“some impact”)
- Respondents expect COVID-19 to have at least a **significant impact** (66/100) on the industry
- **80%** believe existing and new projects will be impacted
- **50%** believe work will be interrupted for at least 3 months
- **80%** have implemented social distancing; 90% increased use of hand sanitizer and/or handwashing stations
- **50%** have a plan if construction becomes “non-essential”
- **20%** have a sick leave policy in place and plans to expand
- **67%** have/are putting a telework policy in place
- **86%** are using COVID-19 resources from AWCI

AWCI’s COVID-19 Member Survey

# COVID-19 Impact in Numbers

**42** of 50 states currently have some form of shelter-in-place order; **4** states do not allow construction activities to continue

- **3** states that allow construction have local jurisdictions with restrictions on construction activities

*Source: Engineering News-Record; April 12, 2020*

[https://www.enr.com/articles/49013-state-by-state-coronavirus-construction-status-updates?oly\\_enc\\_id=9196E1338267B2T](https://www.enr.com/articles/49013-state-by-state-coronavirus-construction-status-updates?oly_enc_id=9196E1338267B2T)

# COVID-19 Impact in Numbers



## New Survey Shows Impact of COVID-19 on Multifamily Construction

### More than half of respondents are experiencing construction delays

More than half (55 percent) of respondents said that they are currently experiencing construction delays in the jurisdictions where they operate. Of this group, 76 percent reported experiencing delays in permitting, and 59 percent reported experiencing delays in starts. Nearly two-thirds (62 percent) of respondents faced with construction delays attributed their setbacks to the presence of a construction moratorium.

## Nearly 40% of Firms Have Laid Off Workers, New AGC Survey Says

(ENR) Nearly 40% of U.S. firms have been forced to lay off employees because of project cancellations and shortages of equipment or materials caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to an April 10 AGC survey. [Read it](#)

According to Associated Builders and Contractors [analysis](#) released last week of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, all three nonresidential construction segments registered job losses in March. They are:

- building (-10,700)
- heavy and civil engineering (-10,200)
- specialty trades (-3,700)

Source: Construction Dive; "In Coronavirus Crisis, US Construction Firms Begin Turning to Layoffs, Furloughs"; April 14, 2020

# COVID-19 Impact in Numbers

While some jurisdictions suspend work on infrastructure projects, others continue or accelerate work due to shelter-in-place orders


Convention Center expansion, underground people-mover projects on

[www.reviewjournal.com](http://www.reviewjournal.com)

## Despite pandemic, stadium construction work mostly ongoing

Eight stadiums or arenas are under construction or about to break ground in the five major professional sports in North America.

By Associated Press | Apr 14, 2020, 1:27pm CDT

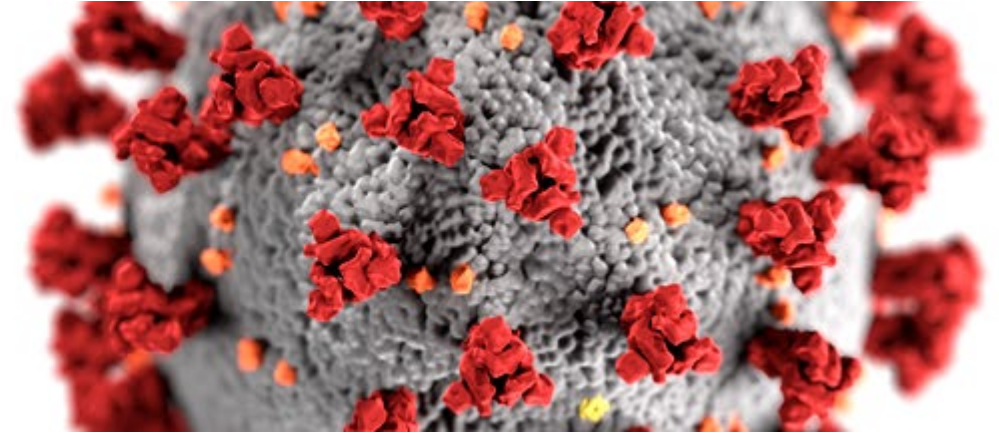
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BRIEF

## Troubled I-4 Ultimate to shave months off schedule during shutdown-related FDOT acceleration program

- Road construction contractors across California are taking advantage of reduced traffic to speed up projects under temporary agreements with the state Department of Transportation and local agencies. ([The Sacramento Bee](#))

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AWCI COVID-19 News:

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