Dear brothers and sisters,

First and foremost, I hope all is well with you and yours. As always please let me know if you need anything and I am always available if you need to talk and or answer any questions you may have.

Currently we have 127 brothers and sisters out of work and 93 of those out of work are because of Covid-19. Of the 93 some are slowly getting called back to work with schoolwork being deemed essential.

Attached is the latest information I have regarding Covid-19. Claiming unemployment and the latest from Gov. Cuomo regarding essential work.

I want to thank everyone for understanding, being proactive and doing all we can to keep us and our families safe. Your understanding of the temporary loss of shift differential and CBA changes will not be forgotten. When we get through this epidemic, we will be stronger and more united than ever. Our contractors know of the sacrifices we are making to keep our job sites open. When we can meet again as a conference board, I am confident that we will be able to be more progressive with our shift differential and CBA. I look forward to when we all can meet again for our monthly union meetings. Thank you again for being united and understanding.

If you do not feel comfortable working on the job site, please communicate this with your foreman and contractor. They do understand and will help you regarding a temporary lay-off if needed. If you do get push back with talking to your contractor, please let me know and I will help you and discuss your anxiety with you and the contractor.

To our retirees, please stay safe and healthy. We are here for you and your pension checks will be coming as usual without delay. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I am always available for your calls as well. I look forward when you can meet again for your monthly retiree lunches.

In the next day or two you will receive a large packet regarding Covid-19 and our mail in ballot and the directions for mailing the ballot. Please read this information carefully before casting your ballot.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!

PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING...

In solidarity, William Kurtz Business Manager
Guidance from Empire State Development

On Mar 29, 2020, at 11:11 AM, Esposito, Vincent (ESD) wrote:

Correction from the Gov's Counsel...

Local governments, including municipalities and school districts, are allowed to continue construction projects at this time as government entities are exempt from the essential business restrictions. However, to the greatest extent possible, local governments should postpone any non-essential projects and only proceed with essential projects when they can implement appropriate social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting protocols. Essential projects are those that have a nexus to health and safety of the building occupants or to support the broader essential services that are required to fulfill the critical operations of government or the emergency response to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Clarification for State Agencies:

On Mar 29, 2020, at 11:17 AM, Esposito, Vincent (ESD) wrote:
Same for state agencies. Governments have separate orders from the Gov about essential employees and the 100% workforce reduction order doesn't apply to them.

Please send questions to [email protected]. We will make every effort to get answers by ESD.
Bill Kurtz

From: Aaron Hilger <aaron@robex.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 6:41 AM
To: Bill Kurtz
Subject: Fwd: Additional Updates Related to Construction Shutdown

Begin forwarded message:

From: The Builders Exchange of Rochester <kim@robex.com>
Date: March 29, 2020 at 3:10:10 PM EDT
To: Aaron Hilger <aaron@robex.com>
Subject: Additional Updates Related to Construction Shutdown
Reply-To: kim@robex.com

Construction Update - March 29

Good afternoon Builders Exchange Members:

I hope you are having a good weekend! We have spent the last few days pestering the Governor's office and Empire State Development for clarifying guidance. I have heard from many members about the inconsistencies they are hearing as well as threats from some municipalities to begin fines immediately. This situation has created chaos in our industry and could have been handled with much less confusion with just a few pieces of guidance when it was announced.

We have not received answers to all of the questions that we have asked, however we do have more clarification.

When does the order start: It was effective upon announcement.

When does the order end: We do not know. There are incorrect reports out, mostly spurred by press releases from NYC based associations, that say the order goes until April 21 or 22. There is no confirmation from the Governor's office or ESD on this matter.

Work for private owners who are in essential industries: There is no new guidance. The safest course is to shut those projects down safely and seek clarification from ESD. Keep in mind that you can have one worker on site.
Work for private owners are not in essential industries: This work is shut down. There is no new guidance, although you can continue to have a single person working.

Public Owners: Public owners and state agencies are exempt from the order. You can work these projects, so long as the public owner deems them essential. Correspondence from ESD is below that verifies that. ESD has not yet shared the actual order, although we have asked for it.

State Agencies: State Agencies are exempt from the order. Correspondence from ESD is below that verifies this. ESD has not yet shared the actual order, although we have asked for it.

Residential Work (not affordable housing): No new guidance. It is shut down. Keep in mind that you can have one worker on site.

Federal Projects: There was no clear guidance provided, however one could read "government entities" broadly. It does seem logical that a directive to proceed from a federal agency would supersede a state directive.

Safety: We believe that you can work on non-essential sites to secure the site and deal with health and safety issues. Once those are dealt with, the site should be shut down, although one worker can continue to work. There is no specific guidance on this, however common-sense dictates that unsafe conditions should not be left exposed.

Office staff: We have been asked if office staff is allowed to work. To the extent that office employees are supporting essential projects, they can continue to work. The same would be true for shop workers and delivery personnel.

Suppliers and service providers: Those supporting essential projects can continue to work.

Public Bidding: No new guidance has been provided. However, since public owners appear to be largely exempt from this order, we should expect that bidding will continue unless we are notified otherwise. It is then logical assume that staff that needs to be in the office to complete these functions could do so.

Smart Practices

Confirm the Essential Nature of the Project: We suggest that you get a letter or other correspondence from the owner that verifies the site is an essential project.

Delay Claims: Read your contracts and follow the notice requirements. Prepare documentation of the related costs and issues.

Social Distancing: For all projects, you are required to follow the social distancing guidelines.

Letters for Employees: A number of firms have asked if they should have their employees carry a letter other documentation about working on an essential site. There is no requirement to do that, however if you think it would be useful or put people at ease then by all means do so.
From: Grant Malone <gmalone@iuoe158.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Bill Kurtz <BillK@ualocal13.org>
Subject: Fwd: Guidance on Executive Order 202.6 | Empire State Development

To all Trade Affiliates, here is the latest update about non essential, essential Construction Determination. GM

Grant Malone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Megan Pliscofsky <megan@nybuildingtrades.com>
Date: March 27, 2020 at 11:38:39 AM EDT
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Cc: "Guynup, Jeff (LABOR)" <Jeff.Guynup@labor.ny.gov>
Subject: Guidance on Executive Order 202.6 | Empire State Development

- Good morning – Please see the link below:

  GUIDANCE FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IS SUBJECT TO A WORKFORCE REDUCTION UNDER RECENT EXECUTIVE ORDERS:
  https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026

9. Construction
- All non-essential construction must shut down except emergency construction, (e.g. a project necessary to protect health and safety of the occupants, or to continue a project if it would be unsafe to allow to remain undone until it is safe to shut the site).
- Essential construction may continue and includes roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities, hospitals or health care facilities, affordable housing, and homeless shelters. At every site if, essential or emergency non-essential construction, this includes maintaining social distance, including for purposes of elevators/meals/entry and exit.

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Sites that cannot maintain distance and safety best practices must close and enforcement will be provided by the state in coordination with the city/local governments. This will include fines of up to $10,000 per violation.

- For purposes of this section construction work does not include a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site.

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CARES Act

Summary of Unemployment Insurance (UI) Provisions

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law a third stimulus bill, H.R. 748, entitled the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES"). CARES expands the unemployment insurance ("UI") programs administered by the states in four ways. CARES: (1) expands access to UI benefits; (2) increases the amount of UI payments; (3) extends the duration of UI benefits; and (4) eliminates waiting periods. The impact of CARES on workers who are receiving or will apply for UI benefits is as follows:

For workers who qualify for regular UI benefits:
- all weekly UI benefits will be increased by $600 for the next four months (through July 31);
- State-law mandated “waiting periods” are waived;
- benefits can be received for an additional 13 weeks beyond what is typically allowed by state law; and
- these enhancements are for unemployment for any reason – not just COVID-19.

For workers who typically would not qualify for regular UI benefits:
- access to the UI system is expanded -- independent contractors, sole proprietors, those without a wage history, and others who usually would not qualify for UI benefits are eligible for regular UI payments;
- these individuals may receive benefits if they are unemployed or unavailable to work because of Covid-19 (but otherwise would be available for work);
- up to 39 weeks of UI benefits are available to these workers;
- all weekly UI benefits will be increased by $600 for the next four months (through July 31); and
- State-law mandated “waiting periods” are waived.

This summary of benefit changes assumes that states will enter into agreements with the federal government to administer these new programs to the maximum extent allowed by CARES. Although CARES does not require states to enter into such agreements, the federal government is offering to pay for 100% of the changes allowed by this bill, so there is little reason for states not to offer these expanded benefits.

These changes to the UI system are in addition to the individual “recovery rebates” provided by CARES. This rebate is $1,200 per Individual ($2,400 if filing jointly), plus $500 for each qualifying child. (This is subject to income caps starting at $75,000.)
Summary of the Critical UI provisions of CARES

Increased UI Payments for All for Four Months (Sec. 2104)
- This section increases the amount of UI benefits workers receive each week from the time the state enters into an agreement with the federal government through July 31st by $600.
- This extra $600/week will be sent to workers receiving regular/extended UI benefits, as well as workers receiving benefits under the expanded access and duration provisions of the new bill.
- The extra $600 may be included in the weekly UI payment, or sent as a separate, weekly payment.
- These payments are in addition to the $1,200/$2,400 rebates provided for elsewhere in the bill that are not tied to the UI system.

Increased Access to UI Benefits (Sec. 2102)
- This section allows those who have exhausted their right to UI or would typically be ineligible to receive UI benefits if they are unemployed or unavailable for work because of Covid-19 but would otherwise be able to and available for work.
- Examples of who will be eligible for UI under this section include the self-employed (e.g., independent contractors) and those who would normally not have a sufficient wage history to receive UI.
- Workers receiving benefits under this section will receive the weekly payments they would receive if they were eligible for regular UI, plus the extra $600/week described above.
- Generally speaking, workers can earn up to 39 weeks of UI payments under this section, including any weeks of UI they have already used.
- Any state-mandated waiting periods are waived for purposes of this benefit.
- States can use any evidence of prior earnings to calculate the amount of weekly benefit payments owed an individual. If someone does not produce sufficient evidence of prior earning history for a determination of weekly benefits to be made, they can instead earn a “minimum flat benefit” based on the average weekly payments made in the state.
- This benefit is not available to anyone who has the ability to telework with pay or is receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits. If an individual remains out of work because of Covid-19 after exhausting their paid leave, they can then apply for these benefits.

Increased Duration of Regular UI Benefits (Sec. 2107)
- This section allows states to extend the length of UI benefits for workers who are eligible for regular or extended UI. In most cases, this allows for an extra 13 weeks of benefit payments. (Note that this extension is not available to individuals receiving benefits under section 2101’s new expanded access rules.)
- To be eligible, an individual must have used up all their rights to regular/extended UI under state law and must be actively seeking work.
- Individuals receiving benefits under this section will receive the extra $600/week provided by section 2104.
- Anyone who is eligible for benefits under this section must use up these benefits before receiving payments under the expanded access provision (section 2102).
Waiting Periods Are Waived (Sec. 2105)

- This section offers states a powerful economic incentive to waive their state-law mandated "waiting periods" that prevent people from immediately receiving UI benefits.
- The federal government offers to pay for 100% of the total amount of regular UI benefits states pay to individuals for their first week of regular unemployment if states agree to waive these "waiting periods" through the end of 2020.

EXAMPLES

1. Jane Doe, a pipefitter, is laid off because the project site she was working on has been shut down due to Covid-19. She reported that she earned $60,000 of income on her most recent tax return, and she is eligible for regular UI benefits because she was an employee and has a prior earning history. She will receive: (1) her weekly UI benefits, which are a percentage of her prior salary, plus (2) an extra $600 per week (through July 31), plus (3) a $1,200 tax credit. Her state normally allows individuals up to 39 weeks of regular and extended UI benefits and applies a “waiting week” before benefits are sent, but under the CARES Act she will be able to receive benefits immediately and for up to 52 weeks.

2. John Smith is a plumber who has been out of the workforce for a few years but was hired to start on a project at the end of March. This project was delayed because of Covid-19. While John would not typically be eligible for UI because of his lack of wage history, he can now apply for benefits because of the expanded access provisions of this bill. Because he did not report any income on his most recent tax return and has no wage history that can be used to calculate a weekly benefit amount, he will receive: (1) a “minimum flat benefit” based on the average weekly benefit paid in the state, plus (2) an extra $600 per week (through July 31), plus (3) a $1,200 tax credit. He starts receiving this benefit immediately because the state has waived its waiting period.

3. Jill Jones is a first year apprentice. She just started her apprenticeship in September, but was laid-off in February because of Covid-19-related work slowdowns. She reported an income of $20,000 on her most recent tax return. In normal circumstances, her state’s eligibility rules for UI would deny her unemployment benefits because of a lack of work history. Under the CARES Act, the state would be able to use any documentation of the earnings she has earned in her apprenticeship to calculate an appropriate weekly benefit. She will receive: (1) weekly UI benefits based on the pay stubs from work performed during her apprenticeship that she submits with her application, which establish her pre-layoff wages, plus (2) an extra $600 per week (through July 31), plus (3) a $1,200 tax credit. She can receive her weekly UI benefits for up to 39 weeks, as long as her unemployment continues to be caused by Covid-19.
March 30, 2020 | 12:50 pm

**Information on Novel Coronavirus**

Governor Cuomo has put NY State on PAUSE: All non-essential workers are directed to work from home, and everyone is required to maintain a 6-foot distance from others in public.

**GET THE FACTS**


- [Home](http://www.labor.ny.gov)
- [Unemployment Insurance](/ui/ui_index.shtml)
- What You Need to Know and Do About the CARES Act

What You Need to Know and Do About the CARES Act

The federal CARES Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. The Act provides enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for New Yorkers. Here’s what you need to know.

You may download this information ([PDF](/ui/pdfs/cares-act-need-to-know.pdf)).

If You Are Already Approved for UI Benefits:

What you should do:

- **Do nothing.** Your benefits will be updated automatically.  
  *(Please do not call; it will only make it difficult for others to reach an agent.)*

What you may qualify to receive:

- 26 weeks of UI benefits.
- An additional $600/week until 7/31/2020.  
  *(Beginning 4/5/2020)*
- An additional 13 weeks of UI benefits if you are still unemployed after 26 weeks..

If You Are Filing a New UI Claim:

What you should do:

- Apply online at [www.labor.ny.gov/signin](https://applications.labor.ny.gov/IndividualReg/).

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If You Are Not Traditionally Eligible for UI Benefits:

What you should do:

- Check your eligibility for PUA.  
  *(ui/pdfs/pandemic-unemployment-assistance.pdf)*
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If You've Exhausted 26 Weeks of Benefits After 7/1/2019:

What you should do:

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What you may qualify to receive:

- 13 weeks of benefits.
- An additional $600/week until 7/31/2020.  
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More Information:

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Revised (3/30/20)
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) provides payment to workers not traditionally eligible for unemployment benefits (self-employed, independent contractors, workers with limited work history, and others) who are unable to work as a direct result of the coronavirus public health emergency.

### COVID-19 SCENARIOS

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The law provides guaranteed job protection and paid leave for New York employees who are unable to work while subject to a COVID-19 precautionary or mandatory order of quarantine.

What Employees Need to Do

To get an order of precautionary or mandatory order of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19, you should contact your Local Health Department (LHD). You can search for your LHD on the New York State Department of Health website at https://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/. LHDs should provide written orders in a timely manner.

If your LHD is unable to immediately provide you with an order:

1. Submit documentation from a licensed medical provider that has treated you, attesting (as described below under "DOCUMENTATION GUIDANCE") that you qualify for the order; AND

2. Follow up with your LHD to obtain the order and submit it to your insurance carrier as soon as it is available. LHDs must provide requested orders within 30 days.

DOCUMENTATION GUIDANCE

The documentation from your licensed medical provider must include:

- If you are subject to Mandatory Isolation, an attestation that you meet one or more of the following criteria:
  1. You have tested positive for COVID-19; OR
  2. Testing is currently unavailable to you, but you are symptomatic and have had contact with a known COVID-19 case.

- If you are subject to Mandatory Quarantine, an attestation that you meet one or more of the following criteria:
  1. You have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is currently in mandatory isolation; OR
  2. You are symptomatic and have returned within the past 14-days from a country designated with a level 2, 3, or 4 advisory for COVID-19.

- If you are subject to a Precautionary Quarantine, an attestation that you meet one or more of the following criteria:
  1. You are asymptomatic and have returned within the past 14-days from a country designated with a level 2,3 or 4 advisory for COVID-19; OR
  2. You have been determined to have had proximate exposure with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
VERIFICATION
Your Paid Family Leave carrier may contact you to verify the information you provide as part of your claim.

DENIALS OF CLAIMS
If you do not follow the steps described above, your carrier may deny your claim for Paid Family Leave.
For more information on the new legislation, visit https://www.ny.gov/COVIDpalsickleave.

What Employers Need to Know
If you send employees home on a precautionary quarantine, they are entitled to job protection, COVID-19 sick leave and/or paid benefits through your Paid Family Leave, and disability benefits insurance provider for the duration of their quarantine, provided they follow the process noted above.

For additional information about COVID-19, please visit the New York State Department of Health's coronavirus website at https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home.
Hello All Affiliates, here is a breakdown of latest Corona 3, now Law. This breaks it down so we can understand how it is going to benefit your members. Thanks Grant

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Included In The $40 Billion "Plus" Schumer Announced Wednesday, The Cares Act Will Also Deliver Billions More To New York With $25B In Direct Aid To Our Hospitals, $33B For Small Biz, $1B To NYS Schools, Billions Into People's Pockets & More

Schumer Also Spoke TODAY With Sec. Mnuchin Who Said He'd Help NY Use Direct Funds Flexibly

Schumer: There's More To Be Done To Vanquish & Recover From The Coronavirus, But Each Day We Make New Progress
U.S. Senator Charles Schumer announced updated impact numbers related to the bipartisan “Corona 3” legislation that sailed through the Senate with a vote of 96-0, passed the House and was signed by the president. Schumer is now able to announce more detailed numbers in addition to the $40 billion he announced moments after the bill first passed Senate on Wednesday.

“The ‘plus’ in the forty-billion we were able to announce the other day has now begun to reveal itself, and the additional dollars will mean critical help for New York,” said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. “There is much more to be done in order to vanquish and recover from this horrible virus plaguing our great state and nation, but each day we make new progress, and we continue the collective fight. We won’t stop, and I won’t stop until we are back to bustling.”

Schumer detailed new numbers related to dollars hospitals would receive directly, small businesses, even the public schools. The new dollars, including the $40 billion Schumer announce Wednesday now total to $112 billion.

“That is $112 billion for workers, families, healthcare and New York,” said Schumer. In the month of March alone, the state was able to secure more than $15 billion in direct aid it has begun to access immediately. “These numbers are good, but like I said, we want to do more, because we are an epicenter.” Schumer added. In “Corona 2” legislation that passed earlier this month, the state received $5.1 billion in direct FMAP relief, New York counties got the remainder. As part of “Corona 2,” which just passed, the state received $5.2B via the State Relief Fund, $4.1 in dollars for state transit, $3.8B of which went to the MTA, $1.1B in state education stabilization funds and $162M in state child care funds.

Schumer also explained that he has spoken with Secretary Mnuchin about New York’s funding and says the Secretary has promised to help New York with its ability to use each and every dollar it has received. The details of the latest projections appear in the breakdown below.

**NEW YORKERS ESTIMATED TO RECEIVE MASSIVE SUPPORT IN CRISIS**

$33.8 Billion – Small Business Administration payroll relief to New York small businesses.

$25 Billion – Hospital and other medical facilities. For protective equipment for health care workers, testing supplies, staffing and new construction to expand services.

$16 Billion – Unemployment Compensation on Steroids for New Yorkers.

$15 Billion – Direct cash payments. $1,200 for individuals and $2,400 for couples making less than $75,000 and a graduated smaller amount for those making up to $99,000.

$7.5 Billion – Disaster Relief Fund through FEMA programs, estimated using current rate of payments to New York.

$7.5 Billion – State and local coronavirus relief fund.

$4.1 Billion – Transit Systems, especially the MTA, which is directly supported by the NY state budget.

$2 Billion – Strategic National Stockpile.

OTHER CRITICAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR NEW YORK:

$690.4 Million – Airport Improvement Grants

$193 Million – Community Development Grants

$191.4 Million – HUD Homeless Assistance, Emergency Solutions Grants

$164.6 Million – Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

$162.4 Million – Child Care Development Block Grants (CCDBG)

***TOTAL: $112 BILLION***