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March 20, 2020

Residential Construction Employers Council
1333 Burr Ridge Parkway, Suite 200
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RE: COVID-19

Dear Industry Partners,

In light of the current difficulties and complications facing the construction industry due to the COVID-19 virus crisis, the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters has proposed some proactive measures for our signatory contractors to support your efforts aimed at the well-being of your employees during these difficult times.

In the event that there are circumstances that require flexible start times, adjustments in shift schedules or staggered lunch breaks, please contact Keith Jutkins at **312-787-3076** and we will consider the appropriate contract changes on a project by project basis until May 4, 2020.

Our Safety Department is always available to assist our contractors. They will work with you to address any issues or uncertainty on your job sites. Please see the attached communication.

The safety of our membership is paramount and by partnering with our contractors we will survive the COVID-19 crisis together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Perinar".

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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 20, 2020
To: Industry Partners
From: John Horak, Director of Safety
RE: COVID-19 Workplace Mitigation

The CRCC's Safety Department is always available to discuss and help with any issues or concerns you may be experiencing during the current COVID-19 crisis. Please feel free to contact me at any time on my cell at **847-812-0121**.

Listed are some measures and best practices that should be implemented on job sites to help mitigate the spread of the virus and protect your employees.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by the novel coronavirus. Symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, and difficulty breathing.

- Emphasize that there are no repercussions to employees for staying home if they are experiencing illness
- Encourage anyone that is experiencing a fever, cough or shortness of breath to isolate themselves at home and to seek professional medical advice
- Closely monitor employees for symptoms
- Limit or regulate the flow of visitors to the site
- No gatherings of more than 10 people
- Limit person-to-person contact
- Practice social distancing of 6-foot whenever possible
- Conduct jobsite meetings outside the trailer, if possible
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose and mouth
- Consider more PPE as applicable, and NEVER share
- Increase the number of hand-washing stations and hand sanitizer locations, by entrances/exits and near portable bathrooms
 - a. Emphasize 20 second minimum for handwashing
- Limit the sharing of tools / equipment and sanitize between uses
- Routine cleaning of all trailers and frequently touched surfaces on the jobsite
- Communicate key CDC recommendations (and post signage where appropriate)
- Additional information and daily updates are available at www.coronavirus.gov