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Valued Industry Partner,

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With the challenging times we're currently facing it's vital that we all come together to try and keep our communities safe and healthy by doing our part in stopping the spread of COVID-19. The key to doing just that is by implementing and following the directives from Governor Wolf, Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These directives are in place to halt the spread of the virus and must be followed to ensure a safe working environment for your employees and also the communities they reside in.

On Sunday April 5, Secretary of the Department of Health, Dr. Rachel Levine signed an order providing direction for maintaining and cleaning buildings for businesses authorized to maintain in-person operations under her and the Governor's life-sustaining business orders announced on March 19.

The measures outlined in the order are for owners of buildings of at least 50,000 square feet used for commercial, industrial or other enterprises, including but not limited to facilities for warehousing, manufacturing, commercial offices, airports, grocery stores, universities, colleges, government, hotels, and residential buildings with at least 50 units.

In addition to maintaining pre-existing cleaning protocols, the order outlines these new protocols:

- Clean and disinfect high-touch areas routinely in accordance with CDC guidelines, in spaces that are accessible to customers, tenants, or other individuals.

- Maintain pre-existing cleaning protocols established in the facility for all other areas of the building.
- Ensure that the facility has a sufficient number of employees to perform the above protocols effectively and in a manner that ensures the safety of occupants and employees.
- Ensure that the facility has a sufficient number of security employees to control access, maintain order, and enforce social distancing of at least 6 feet, provided the security employees are otherwise responsible for such enforcement.

The order went into effect at 12:01 a.m., April 6.

To assist you in developing your plans to combat this disease in the workplace the following resources can be found at the **COVID-19 Regional Code Enforcement Partnership**: www.LuzerneCOVID.com:

- 1.) Interim guidance for businesses and employers to plan and respond to the Coronavirus disease.
- 2.) Guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor on preparing workplaces for COVID-19.
- 3.) Guidelines from the DOH on business practices amid COVID-19 crisis.
- 4.) Guidance from DOH on returning to work after COVID-19 exposure.
- 5.) DOH COVID-19 fact sheet for life-essential businesses.
- 6.) DOH graphic on contact with COVID-19 virus.
- 7.) DOH business risk assessment fact sheet.
- 8.) Best practices from construction agencies on COVID-19.
- 9.) DOH order providing building safety measures to combat COVID-19.

In the coming days and weeks and in accordance with our normal code enforcement efforts we will be making frequent onsite visits to our industry partners to ensure your COVID-19 plan has been developed with the guidance provided and implemented accordingly.

We appreciate your cooperation on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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