

COVID-19: ABC/WMC Member Resources



During this unprecedented time, ABC/WMC is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of our staff, members, and community. We will continue to compile and share trusted resources and new information as it become available.

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On March 23rd, Governor Whitmer signed [“Stay Safe, Stay Home” Executive Order \(2020-21\)](#) ordering all non-essential businesses to close until April 13th. In regard to whether construction is considered essential, this was the governor’s response:

Some limited forms of construction are permissible, including construction to maintain and improve essential public works like roads, bridges, the telecommunications infrastructure, and public health infrastructure. Construction workers may also undertake such projects as necessary to maintain and improve the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences. In addition, businesses may designate construction firms to provide necessary support to the work of the businesses' critical infrastructure workers. All construction work that is carried out while the order is in effect must be done in accordance with the mitigation measures required under section 5(c) of the order.

[Executive order 2020-21 FAQs](#)

Resources available on the [Official Website of Michigan.Gov](#)

- [Apply for unemployment benefits](#)
- [Apply for assistance with health insurance, food, and other needs](#)
- [Find resources in your local community](#)
- [Locate your local school meal pickup site](#)
- [Resources for small businesses](#)

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In response to the overwhelming number of questions about the legal, safety and economic impacts of COVID-19, [ABC National](#) has created a [webinar series](#) with industry experts to provide insights and guidance.

Webinars will be recorded and become accessible at abc.org/academy approximately 24 hours after the webinar finishes.

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In light of the growing concerns regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) ABC/WMC member, Miller Johnson, has created a [website dedicated to COVID-19](#) addressing:

- Employment-related issues
- Business continuity concerns
- Employee benefits guidance
- Communications planning

Miller Johnson is dedicated to writing and releasing new materials as information becomes available. Alerts, blog posts and webinars (registrations and recordings) are easy to find on the firm's [COVID-19 page](#) and are submitted by attorneys from various practices represented by their Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preparedness and Response Team.

Miller Johnson is making their daily webinars available to all ABC Western Michigan members. The daily 8 AM briefing webinars allow questions to be submitted when registering, as well as during the event, which allows direct answers to your questions.

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As you are aware, there has been an increased concern about the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States.

While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently say most people in the United States have little immediate risk of exposure to the virus at this time, the health and safety of all our members is and will continue to be our highest priority as this issue develops.

We encourage you to utilize the CDC's resources as they have [several available on their website](#), including information on symptoms, prevention and treatment; situation updates in the United States and abroad; and specific information for [communities, schools and businesses](#).

ABC's general counsel, Littler, has also compiled [coronavirus resources for employers](#), which includes an on-demand webinar and fact sheet for how employers can manage the outbreak.

We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with and follow directives from the CDC or local governmental organizations