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Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update





Executive Order 2020-70

On May 1st, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-70 which serves as a Temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life Rescission of Executive Order 2020-59.

[READ FULL ORDER HERE](#)

Michigan to Reopen Construction Industry in State on May 7th

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer said [in this statement](#) she will allow the state's construction industry to return to work on May 7 as the Midwestern state works to reopen its economy amid the coronavirus outbreak.

With the issue of [Executive Order 2020-70](#) section 11(i)(1) these orders must be followed for our industry to return working:

Businesses or operations in the construction industry must also:

- (1) Adhere to all of the provisions in subsection (h) of this section.
- (2) Designate a site-specific supervisor to monitor and oversee the implementation of COVID-19 control strategies developed under subsection (a) of this section. The supervisor must remain on-site at all times during activities. An on-site worker may be designated to perform the supervisory role.
- (3) Conduct a daily entry screening protocol for workers and visitors entering the worksite, including a questionnaire covering symptoms and exposure to people with possible COVID-19, together with, if possible, a temperature screening.
- (4) Create dedicated entry point(s) at every worksite, if possible, for daily screening as provided in subprovision (3) of this subsection, or in the alternative issue stickers or other indicators to workers to show that they received a screening before entering the worksite that day.
- (5) Require face shields or masks to be worn when workers cannot consistently maintain six feet of separation from other workers.
- (6) Provide instructions for the distribution of personal protective equipment and designate on-site locations for soiled masks.
- (7) Encourage or require the use of work gloves, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact with contaminated surfaces.
- (8) Identify choke points and high-risk areas where workers must stand near one another (such as hallways, hoists and elevators, break areas, water stations, and buses) and control their access and use (including through physical barriers) so that social distancing is maintained.
- (9) Ensure there are sufficient hand-washing or hand-sanitizing stations at the worksite to enable easy access by workers.
- (10) Notify contractors (if a subcontractor) or owners (if a contractor) of any confirmed COVID-19 cases among workers at the worksite.
- (11) Restrict unnecessary movement between project sites.
- (12) Create protocols for minimizing personal contact upon delivery of materials to the worksite.

During these risky and uncertain times, please keep yourself informed by using this resource and visiting: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus> The State of Michigan is updating this page constantly to keep Michigan Residents informed.

U.S. Supreme Court Rules Georgia Code is not copyrightable

With a 5-4 decision the U.S. Supreme Court on April 27, 2020, in *Georgia v. Public Resource Org Inc.* (located at: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/19pdf/18-1150_7m58.pdf) ruled that the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (Code) is not copyrightable. That Code includes the text of every Georgia statute currently in force, as well as a set of non-binding annotations that appear beneath each statutory provision. The annotations typically include summaries of judicial opinions construing each provision, summaries of pertinent opinions of the state attorney general, and a list of related law review articles and other reference materials. The majority of the Court stated: "In light of the Commission's role as an adjunct to the legislature and the fact that the Commission authors the annotations in the course of its legislative responsibilities, the annotations in Georgia's Official Code fall within the government edicts doctrine and are not copyrightable." "Instead of examining whether given material carries "the force of law," we ask only whether the author of the work is a judge or a legislator. If so, then whatever work that judge or legislator produces in the course of his judicial or legislative duties is not copyrightable."

This ruling could impact whether or not Michigan construction codes are "copyrightable" once adopted by the State as amended. Currently the International Code Council (ICC) produces the I-codes; which because the ICC is not judge or legislator, is copyrightable under this ruling. However once Michigan adopts the ICC I-codes with its Michigan amendments, the question becomes is the entire Michigan code not copyrightable or is it just the Michigan amendments that are not copyrightable. MIACCA will be advocating for more reasonable access to the Michigan construction codes, as those who are expected to follow the Michigan construction codes should have access to those codes without having to pay a fee.



May is Building Safety Month

Building Safety Month is an international campaign that takes place in May to raise awareness about building safety. This campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly-updated building codes, and helps individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures.

The International Code Council, its 64,000 members, and a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design and safety communities come together with corporations, government agencies, professional associations and nonprofits to promote building safety through proclamations, informational events, legislative briefings and more. We come together to support Building Safety Month because we understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work and play.

For more resources, tools, free webinars and information:

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FEDERATED INSURANCE COMPANIES ANNOUNCE COVID-19 CLIENT RELIEF CREDIT

Federated announced their COVID-19 Client Relief Credit, providing premium reductions for their customers in our industry and others throughout the country.

Federated's COVID-19 Client Relief Credit will provide a 15% credit based on Business Auto premium, Auto Dealer/ Garage Coverage Part premium, and Businessowners Policy (BOP) premium from March 15 to June 15. Policies must be in force at the time relief credit is applied. These actions are subject to regulatory approval. Policyholders will automatically see the COVID-19 Client Relief Credit applied in the upcoming months.

[Please read Federated's Press Release here](#)

[Please read Federated's Client Letter here](#)

Message from President *Phil Forner*

MIACCA has been keeping on top of the latest COVID-19 news and resources. On May 7th, the Governor is reopening the construction industry.

With the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the stay at home order currently set to expire on May 15th, and a full lift on May 28th, it is important to proceed with caution.

I have included these COVID-19 resources from our industry experts:

ACCA resources [here](#)

Federated Insurance [here](#)

NATE resources [here](#)

ASHRAE resources [here](#)

Please utilize these, as well as the ones that MIACCA provide to keep informed and on top of the latest news.

As always stay safe and keep up the great work!



HVACR Tax Provisions

ACCA's tax incentive page is here to compile information related to tax provisions that are beneficial to ACCA members. ACCA believes that tax provisions like these provide opportunity for members to grow their businesses and promote sales.

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Transitioning HVAC Companies from Office to Remote Work

With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, a large number of businesses are transitioning to work-from-home models. Employees accustomed to working from an office are needing to adjust to a new setting, teams are needing to find new ways to communicate with one another effectively, and owners are challenged to continue cultivating a company culture and invest in the training of their employees. HVAC contractors are not immune to these changes.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPANY CULTURE

Tammy Vasquez, senior head coach for Business Development Resources, said that a large aspect of continued success in the transition from office to home is clear expectations. She said that each team member should have a clear job description, a daily task list, and an awareness of the priority of each task involved in their position.

She also said that companies should understand the environment change from office to the home. Childcare or schooling situations could impact an employee's availability throughout the day, so there should be clear discussion about the expectations of when employees are to work, and what work is to be completed. Honest communication is also important toward customers, she said.

"Push out communication to your customers that is factual — not anything that creates fear — continuing to educate them and informing them of the choices they have," she said.

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Contractor Success Hour - Free Webinar How to May 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Four Ways Roundtable Members Can Use Web Marketing to Combat Coronavirus Impact

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Workforce Development Update

Dear HVAC&R Associates:

Work Force Development Update Spring is here, the Covid 19 virus is hopefully bugging out and let's go back to work! Many of us have been crazy busy lately as "Infrastructure Critical" contractors. Many more have been back logging work that may last for months and preparing to be busy. It's a great time in HVAC!

We truly hope and pray that ALL are well & special thanks to our MIACCA HVACR Heroes!

What next?

Do not think that C-19 may never return, or perhaps something similar or worse. We can and must all learn from this terrible experience. Many good lessons can be learned from C-19.

- Do your crews and trucks have the proper PPE, to work in areas with bad IAQ?
- Have you educated and mandated to your crews, the safe way to handle customers?

- Do you have written procedures for PPE utilization, sanitation and workplace safety?
- Are you stocking up or planning to, for the next round of biological yuk, that is en route?

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