These are unprecedented times. Businesses are closing their doors. Industries are shuttering. Local economies are struggling. But the construction industry doesn’t have to follow suit. **It’s one of the lowest-risk industries due to its limited interaction with the public and limited access at development sites.**

It’s an industry that can – and should – hold up communities and economies by keeping critical infrastructure and economic development going. That’s why it’s critical to make sure your state and local leaders classify construction as an essential service during these difficult times.

**THEY SHOULD KNOW:**

**Infrastructure is essential for the economy.** Building, maintaining, and enhancing our infrastructure is essential to our local and national ability to come out of this generational challenge.

**Safety is our top priority.** Construction sites are a unique workplace with their own levels of “social distancing” built in. Many workers are segregated completely or separated by large distances.

**Concrete is essential.** When a natural disaster or infrastructure issue strikes, such as a bridge collapse or water main break, concrete is the only material that can restore order. If concrete plants are shut down, they can’t be restored quickly - that’s why it’s so important to keep them running.

**Access is always limited.** Access to jobsites is under strict control and monitoring. Additional guidelines to address COVID-19 include the extra precautions recommended by the CDC and OSHA.

**Some states are leading the way.** States have already deemed construction to be an essential service and have enacted policy regulations to keep it going during this crisis.

**We need to take a stand.** It is imperative that the construction industry be exempt from mass closures or quarantines. Action to ban construction sites will hinder yet another industry’s ability to sustain this crisis financially.

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