

Governor Ducey,

The 119 members of the Arizona Rock Products Association (ARPA) are committed to ensure compliance with our government officials' recommendations to curb the spread of the Coronavirus known as COVID-19. Our members are implementing social distancing protocols among several other measures as recommended by the CDC, MSHA & OSHA. They are committed to the safety and well-being of their employees as well as those of our public and private partners.

With this in mind, we want our State, county, local and private customers to know that our members are dedicated to supplying projects to enable success and will work to ensure current and future projects are staffed appropriately and safely to meet project schedules just as other states are doing nationwide. That said, we urge our state to continue moving projects forward, to provide the proper staff to do so albeit alternative or non-traditional techniques may need to be utilized and encourage local governments to do the same.

Rock products provide the front end of the supply chain for providing construction materials for critical infrastructure and transportation systems. Significantly, DHS includes mining as a component of the critical manufacturing sector. <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/nipp-ssp-critical-manufacturing-2015>

On behalf of the ARPA membership, we are committed to continue to supply essential state, county and local jobs to get important projects completed, safely, so the construction community can deliver them on-time and within budget during this national crisis. Continuing work on projects is essential for Arizona's economy during these difficult times.

Regards,

Steve