

## NEWS FROM ACECNJ

# Governor Murphy orders closure of all non-essential retail businesses

### *Message from the President on COVID-19 Response*

ACECNJ Member Firms,

Governor Murphy issued two Executive Orders that mandate a statewide stay-at-home order and require the closure of all non-essential retail businesses.

EO 107 allows essential design and construction work to continue. EO 108 prohibits counties and municipalities from taking any action that is inconsistent with EO107, in effect prohibiting local governments from implementing more drastic closures.

### **Closure order does NOT impact services provided by ACECNJ member firms**

### **The essential work our firms perform is exempt from this closure order.**

This includes design, construction inspection, bridge inspection, survey and more. This includes work for state agencies and authorities and also local governments.

This issue of ACECNJ's newsletter includes important resources for you and your firm as you navigate COVID-19's impacts. Please refer to the resources on Page 2 and contact us at any time with questions or for more information. Check out our upcoming web events on Page 3-4. We are committed to continuing to deliver valuable member services during this unprecedented time.

I know this is an extremely challenging time for you and for your firm. My team and I are working 24/7 to advocate for your interests. I am in regular contact with senior Murphy Administration officials and various agency heads.

Call/text/email me directly at any time with specific concerns — if you don't already have it, my contact info is below. Hang in there. We will get through this together.

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# COVID-19 RESOURCES

Like many of you, ACECNJ, is continuing to monitor the threat of Coronavirus very carefully. The health of our members is at the forefront of our policies and actions and as such we have compiled the following information as an easy reference guide on preventative measures and best practices, as well as information on how ACEC (national) is internally anticipating an outbreak and the impact it will have on business operations.

## Events

ACECNJ is actively reviewing the event calendar and will advise of all postponements and date changes. As the future of these events is determined information will be shared through our email notifications system. If for any reason you are not receiving these notifications make sure to add INFO@ACECNJ.ORG to your email's "safe list" or email us to confirm you are on the email blast list.

In the mean time we encourage members to take advantage of our virtual WebEx series to stay up to date on the latest industry and organizational news.

## Statewide Actions

### Governor Murphy

On 3/21/20 Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 107 that mandates a statewide stay-at-home order and orders the closure of all non-essential retail businesses. A link to press release and text of the order is here.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

**Design and construction work have been determined essential & will continue.**

A separate Executive Order (EO 108 found here) prohibits counties and municipalities from taking their own actions that are inconsistent with the Governor's order. In effect, orders issued by various local governments earlier in the week shutting down operations, including construction projects, are invalidated.

### NJ State Legislature

While the NJ Statehouse has to been closed to the public, legislation has been passed that will allow the NJ Legislature to work and vote remotely, meaning bills will be introduced and passed as needed. ACECNJ staff will continue to closely monitor all actions taken by the legislature for any effect on

## Information from NJDOT

ACECNJ leadership is working closely with senior leadership at NJDOT to implement changes to ensure a smooth and constructive working relationship throughout this difficult period.

All Construction Inspection recertification classes for the various NJ certifications have been cancelled. In an effort to continue to support the NJDOT with consultant staffing for current projects and future proposals, ACECNJ and NJDOT have agreed to provide extensions to certifications for NJSAT, ACI and TCP, etc. that will expire in 2020. These will be extended by waiver to 4/30/21, similar to waivers approved by PennDOT.

Classes and most re-certification hours are in-class only. With the national developments we hope to see these certification agencies go to online but practical hands-on tests like ACI cannot be converted to online only.

Once classes resume, staff will be entered in the classes and the re-certification dates will be from the date of the classes.

More recommendations are in discussion and should be forthcoming. Please ensure you are receiving ACECNJ emails to stay up to date on the most pertinent information.

## Resource Links

**CDC information sheet on COVID-19:**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019>

**NJ COVID-19 Information Hub:**  
<https://covid19.nj.gov>

**ACEC National Statement on COVID-19:**  
<https://acec.org/conferences/coronavirus>

We recommend our members use best practices to protect the health of all New Yorkers:

- Don't shake hands. Use alternative greeting methods, such as an elbow bump, or simply exchange verbal greetings.
- Provide as much space (at least 6 feet) between yourself and others.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Use anti-bacterial or anti-viral products when hand washing is not possible.
- Staff will continue to reach out to other associations and related groups to update and add to these practices with a goal of maintaining the safety of all involved.

**EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS:**

***Committee Activities and Updates***  
***Members Only Webex Series***  
***Committee Update & Activity Report***

ACECNJ is pleased to launch a new Webex series that will provide important updates and information on critical business practice, procurement, professional development and diversity issues. This exclusive opportunity is open to ACECNJ members only and will provide unique insight into the work of committees. This is a fantastic way to stay abreast of the important work we're doing to advance the business interests of engineering firms and is a great way stay in the loop and connected to colleagues! Sessions will include updates from committee chairs followed by Q&A and discussion.

**March 27, 2020**

Young Professionals, Women Executives in Engineering and SBE/MBE/WBE Advocacy Committees

**March 31, 2020**

SJTA, DRJTBC and DRPA Committees

**April 3, 2020**

Buildings & Facilities, Local Government and Public Utilities Committees

**April 17, 2020**

NJ Turnpike Authority, NJ Turnpike Authority CI, NJ TRANSIT Capital Program Delivery and NJ TRANSIT Business Practices Committees

**April 24, 2020**

NJDOT – Design, NJDOT – Procurement, NJDOT – Construction Inspection and NJDOT – Bridge Inspection Committees

**May 1, 2020**

Land use & Permitting, Site Remediation and LSRP and Water and Waste Water Committees

**May 8, 2020**

PANYNJ – Capital Project Delivery and PANYNJ – Business Practices Committees

**All sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Information on Webex login will be sent to each individual attendee after they register.**

\*\*\*Considering the rapidly evolving nature of the coronavirus pandemic, event dates and formats are subject to change\*\*\*

## **HOLD THE DATES**

***Watch your email for the following!!***

**April 9, 2020**

**ACECNJ General Membership “Breakfast” WebEx**

*Guest Speaker*

**Commissioner Gutierrez-Scaccetti**

Discussing NJTA Proposed Capital Program

**April 21, 2020**

**ACECNJ Continuing Education**

**Ethics for Engineers**

**April 23 – 24, 2020**

**ACECNJ Emerging Leaders Program**

**Stay Tuned for Updates!**

**2020 DESIGN SUMMIT**  
Sponsored by NJDOT, FHWA and ACECNJ  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2020**  
Forsgate Country Club  
Highland Room  
375 Forsgate Drive, Jamesburg, NJ  
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
View the 2019 Design Summit presentations online at: [http://acecnj.org/design\\_summit](http://acecnj.org/design_summit)  
2019 Presentation Topics:  
Dealing with Aging Infrastructure • Drone On • Going Batty

*Hold the Date!*

**ACEC** New Jersey  
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**NJ TRANSIT DESIGN & ENGINEERING WORKSHOP**  
8 AM - 4PM • THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020  
Hilton Newark Penn Station  
1048 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, NJ  
*Sponsorships Available!*  
PLEASE CONTACT INFO@ACECNJ.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

**2020 DESIGN SUMMIT  
MAY 20, 2020**

**2020 DESIGN SUMMIT  
JUNE 4, 2020**

**ACECNJ General Membership Breakfast June 2, 2020**  
**Introduction to the NJ State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC)**  
**(Rescheduled from March 23, 2020)**

**NEW DATE ANNOUNCED!**

**ACEC** New Jersey  
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

*49th Annual  
Engineering Excellence  
Awards Banquet*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020**  
Forsgate Country Club  
375 Forsgate Drive, Jamesburg, NJ  
Event begins 6 p.m.  
Please email [info@acecnj.org](mailto:info@acecnj.org) for more information on reservations and sponsorships.

**2019 GRAND HONOR AWARDS**

**LARGE PROJECT**  
Gannett Fleming  
NJ Turnpike Interchange 14A Improvements

**SMALL PROJECT**  
AmerCom Corporation  
U.S. Route 206 Bridge Replacement in 9 Days

**NON-TRANSPORTATION**  
T&M Associates  
Berkeley Island County Park

**2020**

**ANNUAL THUNDER ROAD GOLF OUTING**

**Monday, June 15, 2020**  
Forsgate Country Club  
Monroe Township, NJ

**ACEC** New Jersey  
FOUNDATION

*Save The Date*

Space is limited to the first 248 paid golf reservations. Unfortunately no exceptions will be made - please reserve ASAP! Contact [info@acecnj.org](mailto:info@acecnj.org) for more information.

Please contact [info@acecnj.org](mailto:info@acecnj.org) for more information on registration fees and sponsorship opportunities.

CONTRIBUTIONS BENEFIT

Check-In 7 a.m.  
Shotgun Start 8 a.m.

Each per person reservation includes breakfast, greens fee and luncheon.

**ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS BANQUET  
JUNE 10, 2020**

**THUNDER ROAD GOLF OUTING  
JUNE 15, 2020**

**Please watch your email for updates on upcoming events.  
Thank you for your continued support of ACECNJ!**

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- COVID-19 Resources
- Members Only Webex Series

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**Governor Murphy's Executive Order**

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## CAN-STRUCTION EVENT



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Prizes Awarded for Creativity

Hold the Date! Construction: Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Holiday Open House: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020