



COVID-19 UPDATE
To the Members of the Syracuse Builders Exchange
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The coronavirus pandemic continues to impact our community in many ways, evident by the varying degree of restrictions our society is subject to at the federal, state and local levels. The economic damage caused thus far will be far reaching both locally and nationally as economists are forecasting a recession well into the fall of 2020. One thing is for certain: Construction industry employers will lead the way to the resurgence of our economy as soon as reasonably possible.

OSHA AND COVID-19

Over the past few weeks the Syracuse Builders Exchange has received many call regarding OSHA, and their role in providing guidance and enforcement during the pandemic. Below is the OSHA COVID-19 web site link that may help construction industry employers who want to learn more about OSHA compliance and best practice issues relating to COVID-19.

OSHA's primary resource is the [OSHA COVID-19 Official Webpage](#). This page is being updated routinely, so please review it frequently.

SOCIAL DISTANCING ON CONSTRUCTION A MUST

SBE has fielded many calls and emails regarding the need to maintain "social distancing" on essential construction projects. Please remember the following guidance from Empire State Development:

"Essential construction may continue and includes roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities, hospitals or health care facilities, affordable housing, and homeless shelters. At every site, if essential or emergency non-essential construction, this includes maintaining social distance, including for purposes of elevators/meals/entry and exit. Sites that cannot maintain distance and safety best practices must close and enforcement will be provided by the state in coordination with the city/local governments. This will include fines of up to \$10,000 per violation."

Contractors must enforce social distancing on all job sites, even if employees are wearing respirators and/or face masks.

CELLULAR AND PDA SUPPORT

Are your employees working from home? If so, you may want to re-evaluate your cell phone/data plan. If you are with Syrabex (ATT or Verizon), and need to increase data, would like to change plans, need a new device or anything else, please contact Beth at econrad@syrabex.com or call, 315-437-9936 x12.

If you've ever thought about looking into Syrabex's service and keep putting it off, maybe now is the time! Send over a copy of your current monthly bill and Beth can evaluate and let you know exactly what you would save by having Syrabex manage your ATT or Verizon accounts.