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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Contracting Community
District Engineers
District Construction Engineers
Area Construction Engineers

FROM: Kerry A. Bates, P.E., State Construction Engineer

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON COVID-19

In update to my June 15, 2021 memorandum regarding COVID-19 / Coronavirus, I am pleased to see that the Department and our industry partners have continued their efforts to mitigate coronavirus-related disruptions for the majority of construction projects. I encourage you to continue to employ the best practices and strategies outlined in guidance to reduce the risk of such disruptions from the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). Here are links to this guidance:

[DOLI Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resources](#)
[VDH COVID-19 in Virginia](#)

Some recent changes to previous guidance are listed below:

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE NUMBER TWO (2022) (ED #2), *Ensuring Privacy Protections and Individual Rights of Executive Branch Employees*, effective January 15, 2022, Executive Directive Number 18 (2021) (ED #18) has been rescinded. The directive that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) issued based on ED #18, which required the submittal of certifications of compliance with ED #18, is likewise rescinded.

The Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board adopted a *Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19*, 16 VAC 25-220-40, effective September 8, 2021 (VOSH Standard for COVID-19). The provisions of the VOSH Standard for COVID-19 include [16 VAC 25-220-40, Mandatory requirements for all employers](#).

Please review the VOSH Standard for COVID-19 to include the [DOLI Frequently Asked Questions](#) website to ensure that your company's policies, procedures, and work practices are in compliance. Contractors performing work under a contract with VDOT shall, comply with all VOSH Standards, including the Standard for COVID-19, until such time as the Standard for COVID-19 is amended or rescinded.

Thank you for your continued efforts to minimize the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on your businesses and VDOT's construction program. Please keep up the good work and stay safe!