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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 - COVID-19 / Coronavirus

Further to my March 29, 2021 memo regarding COVID-19 / Coronavirus, I am pleased to report that the Department continues to experience minimal coronavirus-related impacts to its construction program. This is primarily due to the continuing efforts of our contractors to adhere to the recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and guidance provided in the Governor's Executive Orders. I encourage you to continue to observe the Governor's Executive Orders and I ask that you review the latest guidance from the CDC at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

In addition to the CDC guidance and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Number Seventy-Nine (EO-79), fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#)

- Follow CDC recommendations and [state and local health department travel](#) restrictions

For those individuals that have not been fully vaccinated, I ask that you continue to observe the protocols outlined in the CDC guidance and EO-79 for unvaccinated people.

Additionally, as we move forward, I would encourage you to review the VOSH/DOLI site and specifically look at the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to determine if your company's policies/procedures/work practices are in alignment with their guidance. I appreciate your continued efforts to minimize the effects of the pandemic on VDOT's construction program and encourage you to keep up the good work. Stay safe!