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RE: NAPA COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Dear NAPA Member Companies and Employees,

NAPA continues to operate, and the NAPA staff, located in Maryland, are working from home due to the closing of non-essential businesses as mandated by the governor of Maryland. We are actively monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 impacts on our nation and industry. Please see our [COVID-19 Response webpage](#) for more information.

Just yesterday, one of our former chairmen, Craig Parker, reminded me that, during our 2018 Annual Meeting, we had a general session on future disruptions for our industry where I spoke on autonomous vehicles and the technological changes coming to mobility. Who would've thought that two years later a new virus (COVID-19) and global pandemic would be the disruption on our doorstep? But here we are, quickly changing the way we do business to protect each other's health and keep our nation moving.

According to [federal guidance](#), asphalt pavement industry workers and supporting industries are essential to critical infrastructure viability in the areas of construction, highways, and public works. Our industry continues to work while implementing vital [health and safety protocols](#) and, in some cases, NAPA members are seeking and being encouraged to hire workers laid-off from other industries, providing jobs for those that may need it most during this challenging time.

We are working closely with our State Asphalt Pavement Association (SAPAs) partners to track state and local government, DOT, and highway agency decisions and activities related to Coronavirus. [Click here for the latest information](#). The contact for this information is [Amy Miller](#), National Director of the Asphalt Pavement Alliance.

Most State DOTs and highway agencies have not halted road construction projects and activities, and, so far, we are not hearing of labor or supply shortages from our members. Some states are allowing work that was scheduled for nighttime to proceed during the day and are accelerating projects since traffic volumes are low. At this time, PennDOT is the only State DOT that has halted projects. The Pennsylvania Asphalt Pavement Association (PAPA) is working closely with other associations and officials to restart construction.

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Under the leadership of Chairman Jay Winford, the NAPA Executive Committee met last week, and outlined NAPA's priorities related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus):

- **Health and Safety of our Workforce & Preventing Spread of COVID-19:** It is critical for contractors to take Coronavirus seriously by implementing and encouraging [health and safety practices](#). Our industry continues to work and is vital to our nation's infrastructure and ability to function, so it's important we remain safe and diligent.
- **Highway and Road Construction is an Essential Industry/Function:** NAPA will continue to support the SAPAs in communicating to state and local governments that our industry is essential for facilitating mobility needs of communities and providing hundreds of thousands of jobs across the U.S. It is critical that we (NAPA and our SAPA partners) work closely with the other construction and materials associations to present a unified message to governors and officials on the essential nature of our workforce, industry, and operations.
- **Increased Infrastructure Investment will Provide Immediate and Long-term Benefits for the U.S. Economy:** NAPA will continue to support our [collective associations efforts](#) to secure highway funding as part of stimulus packages for the greater economy and benefit of citizens. **We're asking you to [contact your senators and representative TODAY](#)** and urge them to include a multi-year surface transportation investment package in the final measure.

NAPA's Executive Committee plans to continue to meet every two weeks for the foreseeable future and continue to communicate with NAPA's Board of Directors and members about the impact of COVID-19 on our industry.

As always, if you have recommendations on how we can help you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this changing situation.



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