# UA CONSTRUCTION COVID-19 UPDATE

VIRTUAL SAFETY MEETING #3 MAY 12, 2020

### WELCOME & AGENDA

#### Welcome

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#### **AGENDA**

- Update on Statewide Orders Related to COVID-19
- Review of Previous Directives
- UA Provisions
  - New Signs
- Request for Updated Response and Protocol Plans
- Q&A

### UPDATE ON STATEWIDE ORDERS

- Gov. Kay Ivey lifted the stay-at-home order and on May 8<sup>th</sup> the governor eased restrictions on the safer-at-home order
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the governor also issued a Proclamation Protecting Against COVID-19 Lawsuits

### **Proceeding With Caution**

**UPDATED STATEWIDE COVID-19 HEALTH ORDER FOR ALABAMA** 

Visit governor.alabama.gov for a full list of changes, guidelines and updates.

#### STAY AT HOME Expired on April 30th at 5 p.m.

#### **STAY AT HOME ORDER:**

#### **INDIVIDUALS**

Ordered to stay at home except to meet basic needs

#### **EMPLOYERS**

Businesses closed except for those that meet a critical need or pose a minimal risk; sanitation and social-distancing rules and guidelines for remaining businesses

#### **RETAIL STORES**

Essential retail stores open subject to 50% occupancy rate, social-distancing and sanitation rules

#### **BEACHES**

Closed for all purposes

#### **MEDICAL PROCEDURES**

Postponed except for those deemed "necessary" under various criteria as determined

#### **NON-WORK GATHERINGS**

Limited to fewer than 10 persons with 6 feet of distance between persons. "Drive-in" gatherings permitted if participants stay in cars with people from their own households.

#### SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS

Regular programming suspended except meals available through curbside pick-up or delivery

#### **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Closed to in-person instruction (except for daytime special activities programs)

#### **CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES**

Must not allow 12 or more children in a room

#### **HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES**

Must implement policies to restrict visitation

#### **RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BREWERIES**

Limited to take-out, curbside or delivery

#### CLOSED

- Entertainment venues (such as night clubs, theaters, bowling alleys)
- Athletic facilities and activities (such as fitness centers and commercial gyms)
- Close-contact service providers (such as barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo services)

#### AMENDED SAFER AT HOME Goes into effect on May 11th

#### **NEW UPDATES:**

#### **NON-WORK GATHERINGS**

Removing 10 person limit. Still required to maintain 6 feet of distance between persons not from same household

#### **RESTAURANTS. BARS AND BREWERIES**

May open with limited table seating, 6 feet between tables and subject to additional sanitation rules and guidelines

#### ATHLETIC FACILITIES (SUCH AS FITNESS CENTERS AND COMMERCIAL GYMS)

Athletic facilities may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines. Specified athletic activities are still not allowed

#### **CLOSE-CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Close-contact service providers (such as barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, tattoo services) may open subject to social-distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines

#### BEACHES

Open with no limit on gatherings. Must maintain 6 feet of separation

#### WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME:

#### INDIVIDUALS

Encouraged to stay home and follow good sanitation practices

#### **EMPLOYERS**

Businesses may open subject to sanitation and social-distancing guidelines; certain higher-risk businesses and activities remain closed

#### **RETAIL STORES**

All retail stores open subject to 50% occupancy rate, social-distancing and sanitation rules

#### ENTERTAINMENT VENUES (SUCH AS NIGHT CLUBS, THEATERS, BOWLING ALLEYS)

Still closed

#### MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Allowed unless prohibited in the future by the State Health Officer to preserve resources necessary to diagnose and treat COVID-19; providers must follow COVID-19-related rules and guidance from state regulatory boards or public health authorities

#### **SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS**

Regular programming still suspended except meals still available through curbside pick-up or delivery

#### EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Still closed to in-person instruction (except for daytime special activities programs)

#### **CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES**

Still must not allow 12 or more children in a room

#### **HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES**

Still must implement policies to restrict visitation

#### SAFER APART Goal

MORE UPDATES COMING SOON AS WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE COVID-19 SITUATION



## PROCLAMATION PROTECTING AGAINST COVID-19 LAWSUITS

• "[a] business, health care provider, or other covered entity shall not be liable for the death or injury to persons or for damage to property in any way arising from any act or omission related to, or in connection with, COVID-19 transmission or a covered COVID-19 response activity, unless a claimant shows by clear and convincing evidence that the claimant's alleged death, injury or damage was caused by the business, health care provider, or other covered entity's wanton, reckless, willful, or intentional misconduct."

## REVIEW OF ENHANCED PROTOCOLS FOR UA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The University of Alabama greatly respects and appreciates the men and women that work on our projects and the following protocols are being reinforced for their benefit.

## ENHANCED PROTOCOLS FOR UA PROJECTS TO MITIGATE COVID-19 TRANSMISSION, cont.

- No more than 2 people in an elevator, manlift, or buckhoist at any time (please post signage)
- Ensure that sanitation stations are at the access points to every floor where work is taking place
- Enhanced cleaning of the port-a-johns
- As available, screen workers as they enter the project sites each day and require any who have a fever over 100.4° or exhibit symptoms not to report to work

## ENHANCED PROTOCOLS FOR UA PROJECTS TO MITIGATE COVID-19 TRANSMISSION, cont.

- Place multi-lingual notices that encourage hand hygiene at the entrances to the workplace
- Encourage breaks and meals to be taken outdoors and not inside buildings or structures
- Discourage sharing tools and provide the means to disinfect tools and equipment as appropriate

## ENHANCED PROTOCOLS FOR UA PROJECTS TO MITIGATE COVID-19 TRANSMISSION, cont.

- To the greatest extent practical and as available, require the use of cloth or other face masks.
- To the greatest extent practical, encourage workers to ride in separate vehicles to campus
- No more than 2 persons per buggy/golf cart
- Regularly wipe down commonly used surfaces

### **UA PROVISIONS**

- Enhanced Signage for Job Sites
  - UA will be providing language for your consideration
  - UA will be requesting any specific corporate information you would like to be included on the sign
  - UA will print the signs for your use
- Please upload corporate logos to UA Box Site
  - Upload Link
  - An email will follow this webinar with more instructions

## **UA PROVISIONS**

### Thermometers

Request from Joe Cobb

## REQUEST FOR UPDATED PROTOCOLS

- Please send an updated COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Rather than sending them to your project managers,
  please <u>upload them here</u>

## Q&A

Please type your questions into the chat function of Zoom.

If you have joined by dialing in, you can use the following commands:

- \*6 Toggle mute/unmute
- \*9 Raise hand

### HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Signs from the CDC for Print
  - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html
- https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/
- http://Agc.org/coronavirus-covid-19
- http://www.abc-alabama.org/Safety/Safety-Resources