

2020 PAPA COVID-19 TOWN HALL WEBINAR



THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020

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AGENDA:

1. Welcome – Charles Goodhart, Executive Director
2. Staff Introduction – C Goodhart
3. Upcoming PAPA Events – C Goodhart
4. COVID-19 Emergency PennDOT/PTC Project Status – C Goodhart
5. PennDOT/PTC/Municipal Project Let Status – C Goodhart
6. PennDOT Covid-19 Issues – Concerns – Gary Hoffman, Director of Technical Services
7. Ongoing PennDOT issues & Opportunities – G Hoffman
8. Questions – Answers – C Goodhart & G Hoffman
9. For the Good of the Order
10. Adjourn



welcome!

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WELCOME

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PAPA EVENTS

PUT THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR

- To Be Determined – PAPA ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR, Harrisburg, PA
- July 28 & 29, 2020 – PAPA – PENNDOT BUS TOUR, Harrisburg, PA
- January 18, 19, & 20, 2021 – PAPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Hershey, PA
- March 16, 17 & 18, 2021 – PAPA REGIONAL MEETINGS
- July 27 & 28, 2021 - PENNDOT BUS TOUR, To Be Determined, PA
- January 17, 18, & 19, 2022 – PAPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Hershey, PA



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

» UPCOMING EVENTS



April 2020

COVID-19 Supplemental Content



COVID-19: KEEPING PAVING CREWS SAFE



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The COVID-19 epidemic has impacted us all, including the asphalt industry. As we join



Americans in keeping people safe, we are taking steps to keep our paving crews safe and healthy. See our considerations for preventing the spread of the virus: <http://bit.ly/2xT5B5W>

COVID-19: Keeping Paving Crews Safe

Social Distancing GIFs

No face coverings? Stay safe by staying six feet apart. That's about the same length as...



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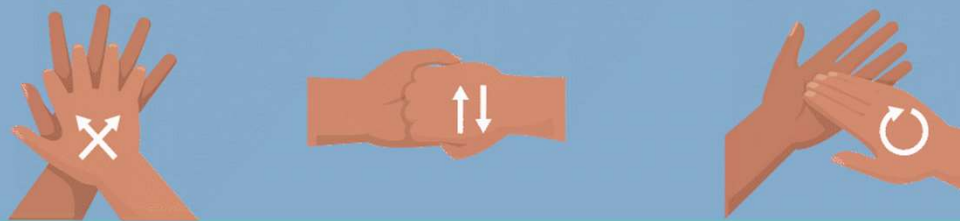
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No hand sanitizer? Washing your hands regularly is even more effective.



Scrub in between fingers, the back of fingers, and under finger nails.



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Governor's Declaration of Emergency : March 6, 2020 proclaimed the existence of an emergency throughout the Commonwealth

- The Coronavirus – a.k.a. COVID-19

March 19, 2020 Governor ordered all NON-Life-Sustaining Businesses to shut down effective March 21, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.

- Life sustaining can remain open for in-person operations
- List available at health.pa.gov
- Construction projects for most part shut down
- Over 38,000 exemption requests; 10,000 approved
- Deadline to request waiver was 4/3/20 at 5 PM

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**NAICS = North
American Industry
Classification
System**

Are Asphalt Plants a Life Sustaining or Essential Business? Good question!

- Yes, no, maybe
- Do we fall under Support Activities for Road Transportation or Asphalt or Coal Production?
 - <https://www.scribd.com/document/452553026/UPDA-TED-4-00pm-April-1-2020-Industry-Operation-Guidance>
- We filed for a waiver and/or a clarification if we are “a Life Sustaining Industry” with DCED on March 20, 2020
- Redi-mix concrete and aggregates were issued a waiver – deemed life sustaining
- To date, we have not been notified that we received a waiver or clarification
- **BUT** – WE think we fall under Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing - NAICS Code 324141 and are “life sustaining”.
- This is an *opinion* and each plant owner will make their own decision on reopening their asphalt plant(s).
- There are at least 33 asphalt plants open in PA (~200 total)

Governor’s Order: Statewide Stay-at-Home Order issued effective 8 PM on 4/1/20 through at least 4/30/20



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PennDOT /PTC Shuts Down Projects:

- PennDOT Districts issued letter to prime contractors on March 16, 2020 to temporarily suspend all 800+ highway construction projects as of 12:01 a.m.
- PA Turnpike also issued letter to shut down their 30+ projects
- Order was for an indefinite time period
- Governor's March 19, 2020, Order shut down most construction projects Except - Federal – DOD, FAA, to continue, emergency related projects, utility projects, etc. Municipalities were asked to stop all nonemergency projects as were school districts.
- We can supply asphalt mix to these entities or for an emergency

PennDOT/PTC Restart Projects:

- On March 31, 2020, PennDOT announced they were restarting 61 emergency and safety related projects and the PTC announced they were restarting 4 projects
- A list of projects is available. [HERE are the first 61 jobs](#)
- April 6, 2020 the PTC announced they were restarting 8 more projects
- PennDOT has a Tier 1 A and B list for project restarts
- We think PennDOT will restart more projects by May 1, 2020
- May require all employees to wear masks

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PennDOT /PTC Project Letting Update:

- PennDOT postponed project lets for March 19 & 26, 2020
- PTC Let project(s) on April 1, 2020 & April 8, 2020
- PennDOT restarted project lets on April 2, 2020 – 13 projects
- PennDOT will let projects on April 9, & 16, 2020
- April 23, 2020 let postpones to April 30, 2020
- This should catch up letting schedule
- Not sure of long-term impact to letting schedule of reduction in MLF from reduced tax revenue collections

Municipal Project Construction & Letting Update:

- Governor asked municipalities to halt all nonemergency work
- Their governing bodies to decide
- Most municipalities are bidding projects
- You can supply asphalt mix to municipalities if requested

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Other PennDOT Relevant Information:

- Most of 80,000 Commonwealth employees working from home
- April 10, 2020, last day 9,000 employees will be paid unless they take leave. They can file for UC
- 5,700 of 9,000 work for PennDOT
- PennDOT previously let all temporary employees, part-time staff, and interns go
- Mostly County Maintenance staff
- Each PennDOT County to have three crews on duty – Sign, Bridge & General Maintenance
- PennDOT has winter savings but will re-budget after crisis
- PennDOT County, District & CO Bureau staff are currently doing a FY 2019-20 re-budget. Cut all nonessential costs!
- FY 2020-21 Budgets will be lean – bare bones
- Reason – Revenues from taxes are will be down by hundreds of millions of dollars
- Will impact Highway Construction Program & Future Letting Schedule

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Other COVID-19 PennDOT Issues We Are Dealing With:

- **Asphalt Technician Certification Program** – Gary brought this issue up to Tim after we were forced to cancel our three Regional Technical Meetings and NECEPT canceled their classes. See attached memo from Joe Robinson. The memo extends certifications until 2021, which resolved the issue for now. AGREED.
- **Plant Scale Calibration** – The Department of Agriculture has stood down their scale testing teams. We proposed Department allow use of a certified third party agency to check calibration of scales or allow use of signed calibration printouts when available. Joe advised that the Department is considering this alternative. 3rd party allowed, as well as signed calibration printouts
- **TSR (AASHTO T-283) Test "Breaks"** - Trust that the plant technicians are doing and reporting tensile strengths accurately, and checking later with boil tests. Have technicians watch the test breaks remotely with Face-Time or Skype. Joe advised Department is considering this alternative. This will be allowed
- **Mix Design (JMF) Approvals** - JMFs need approved for use on upcoming projects. How do we best expedite these? One suggestion was to have one Representative work with plant technician virtually using Skype, and processing all JMFs in one day, rather than send a lot of emails back and forth until everyone is satisfied. Joe advised Department is considering this alternative and also may grandfather in JMFs where nothing has changed from last year to this construction season. PA DOT mixes—agree on a process for virtual, consultant, or Dept Verification. PTC Allowing use of 2019 mix designs if greater than 90% PWL
- **RAP Consensus Property Testing** – How will LTS handle this testing? Producers need this testing completed and approval done now. Suggest Department allows third party testing by an e:RESOURCE certified lab. Joe advised Department was considering. We didn't address this—someone email me on this as I don't know the issue.

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Other PennDOT Issues We Are Dealing With:

- eTicketing CT – Comments Due
April 20, 2020
- SRL Pro Team
- LLAP Maintenance Treatments/Cycles
- Implementation of 2020 PUB 408 specs
- Crack and seat treatment
- Moving toward balanced mix design/performance tests



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Question & Answer Time

- Previously submitted questions
- Questions submitted during the Town Hall



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Thank you for your attention!



Please contact us for any assistance or questions!

