CONSTRUCTION DEEMED AN “ESSENTIAL SERVICE” DURING SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER

As you know by now, Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker issued a statewide “Shelter in Place” order that began on Saturday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m. that runs through April 7th. The shelter in place directive allows workers who provide “essential services” to provide those services.

The Executive Order can be read in its entirety by going to: https://www2.illinois.gov/Documents/ExecOrders/2020/ExecutiveOrder-2020-10.pdf. “Essential Infrastructure” services are outlined in Section 9 on page 4, and Section 12 (h), which is provided in paragraph 3 below.

Pursuant to the order, construction is deemed an essential infrastructure exception. Construction projects may continue as long as management and workers comply with social distancing requirements, which include maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands. Many construction projects have implemented more stringent infection control measures, and if so, those should continue as well.

Section 12 (h) of the Governor’s Executive Order states the following: “Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, and other trades including but not limited to plumbers, electricians, exterminators, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Business and Operations;”

A heartfelt thank you to all our tradespeople, contractors and subcontractors for their tremendous dedication and service in keeping our nation moving forward in these unprecedented and challenging times.

CISCO DONATES SAFETY GLASSES TO CHRIST HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPT.

To do its part and help hospital personnel during this unprecedented global pandemic, CISCO donated a box of protective eyewear yesterday to the Emergency Department at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn.

CISCO’s Director of Education-to-Careers Johnetta Ryan explained that although the glasses are not the type worn by hospital personnel who are treating COVID-19 patients, they can be worn in the ER, once a patient has been determined to NOT have contracted the virus, thus saving the more critical PPE eyewear worn by caregivers of COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 INFORMATION RESOURCES

GO TO CISCO WEBSITE

CISCO’s website has many links to a variety of sources that have the latest updates on the virus. Included in the list of links are all 6 county health department sites that contain important information. Visit www.cisco.org.

CISCO WELCOMES NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER TO THE TEAM

Sterling Bay has joined CISCO as an associate member. Sterling Bay is a developer, investor, builder and an innovator.

Sterling Bay is developing Lincoln Yards a vibrant new development that will connect Chicagoans to over 50 acres of riverfront sitting between two of the city’s most iconic neighborhoods: Lincoln Park and Bucktown. The development of Lincoln Yards presents a defining moment for Chicago to improve a vast parcel of underutilized land to benefit residents, businesses and visitors.

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