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Breaking News: Construction May Resume with Requirements

During a press conference just completed Governor Inslee announced recent data has indicated social distancing restrictions have been working and “low risk construction” may now resume. It becomes effective as soon as the Governor signs the order, which he indicated he would be doing today.

Governor Inslee has been working with a construction roundtable of industry stakeholders to develop requirements. Worker protections were the groups highest priority.

“Low risk” entails projects where physical distancing requirements can be maintained on the jobsite and comprehensive safety measures are followed. It is not focused on projects, but on the work that is being done and the safety of the workers performing it.

For WBMA members, be aware when making deliveries to job sites drivers fall under Social Distancing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) rules. PPE includes masks, eye protection and gloves as outlined in the safety recommendations submitted by the committee. Additionally, be sure drivers are aware that a daily log of all jobsite visitors must be kept and they should be sure they are signed in.

Visit www.wbma.org for a complete list of the requirements.

The Governor indicated reductions in requirements would be forthcoming as data indicates it is safe to do so.