



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of North Carolina

ACEC/NC continues to work with the Governor's Office and State agencies to advocate for engineering work to be considered "essential services" should the state issue a Stay-in-Home Order. A number of jurisdictions have already taken action with more to follow. We would advise member firms to carefully read the order issued by their local jurisdiction and if necessary request clarification. Those jurisdictions who follow the Department of Homeland Security guidance for essential services includes engineering and construction as essential services. As an example, the Wake County order includes the following language for essential services: "Critical Infrastructure Workers" working in jobs of national importance, such as cybersecurity, are included, as are health care workers, pharma companies, pharma suppliers and veterinary care firms. Commercial and residential construction professions and trades are also included, such as contractors, engineers, architects, repairs and renovation specialists, surveyors and suppliers."

It is important to remember that this is not a "get out of the house free" exemption. Keep travel to what is necessary, follow CDC and other guidelines on project sites as well as site COVID-19 safety requirements. It is strongly suggested employees carry a notice from their employer stating they are essential service staff and are authorized to perform their duties under the local jurisdiction order.

To see if your jurisdiction is on the list [click here](#).