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## **Governor DeSantis Issues Statewide Safer-at-Home Order Construction Deemed Essential**

Governor DeSantis just publicly announced that he is issuing a statewide "Safer at Home" order. This order will be in place for 30 days.

Important to note - the order allows for essential businesses to continue functioning and defines construction as an essential business. It does this in a number of ways.

1. Executive Order 20-91 utilizes the U.S.. Department of Homeland Security's Advisory Memorandum on services deemed essential. The CISA doctrine, as it is now referred, specifically designates construction as essential.
2. Executive Order 20-91 also includes, by reference, Miami-Dade County's Emergency Order 7-20, and it's list of essential businesses. Miami-Dade County's Emergency Order 7-20, also included as part of the attachment, states that contractors and tradesmen are essential AND that open construction projects, regardless of type, are essential. Miami-Dade County's Emergency Order 7-20 was adopted as policy in Governor DeSantis' previous regional "Safer at Home" emergency order that applied to Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.
3. Note: This order is too big to send as an attachment to this email but is being put on the ABC of Florida website for your reference and utilization as we speak.

ABC of Florida applauds and thanks Governor DeSantis, his administration, Miami-Dade County and many other Local Governments for their understanding of why construction plays such a critical role in our state. They know, like we do, that we build, maintain and service infrastructure, schools, housing, and government buildings. They know that even during difficult and scary times, it is imperative that electricity continues to run, ACs continue to operate, water continues to flow, plumbing continue to work, and our homes continue to function as we all stay home to ensure the safety of others. They also know that when this order is over, and our lives return to some level of normal, that infrastructure must be ready to operate, ready to serve, and ready to meet the needs of Floridians. To make that happen - you need construction.

Now more than ever, it is imperative that our members show the world that we go above and beyond in all that we do in our companies and on our job-sites. We have instituted best practices and policies that ensure CDC social distancing guidelines are being adhered to, and that workers are not congregating during their lunches and breaks. Please continue to make sure your due diligence and your safety efforts are clearly posted, easily understandable, can be readily explained, and are visible to our fellow Floridians. Let us continue to be, on our job-sites and in our companies, the Gold Standard for construction.

We don't just build - We Build Florida- and we are grateful for the continued opportunity to do so.