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**Subject:** Message on Construction from Administrator Gulliver

Good afternoon;

As all of you are aware MassDOT's construction program is an essential service. I appreciate all of you that contribute to its success in this difficult time.

Last week, we issued additional guidance to the contracting community about performing work in a way that ensures the safety of everyone on our job sites. The amendment to our COVID-19 guidance, as well as our original guidance document, is on the main page of the MassDOT website and found here:

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-guidelines-and-procedures-for-all-construction-sites-and-workers-at-all-public-work>

The key tenets of these guidelines require that everyone on a job site wear gloves at all times and maintain social distancing and, when that isn't possible, wear appropriate masks for PPE in close contact situations. If MassDOT staff encounters an unsafe site they should immediately alert the contractor's project manager/supervisor for corrective action and then elevate the issue within MassDOT.

I want to stress to all of you that any MassDOT employee at any level, on any jobsite, is empowered to shut down a project for PPE non-compliance when warranted.

I have had a number of discussions with industry on the implementation of these guidelines and have made it clear that I consider social distancing, gloves, and the use of masks, when required, to be as essential as the use of a hard hat and that these rules will be strictly enforced.

The safety of our staff and by extension our contractor's staff is my number one priority and I don't want anyone to be exposed to unnecessary risks.

Thank you for the work that you do and please elevate any concerns you may have to your supervisors.

-Jonathan

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