



# Construction Law Zone

Current developments and recent trends in all areas of Construction Law

Robinson+Cole's Construction Group is pleased to bring you a recap of posts from our [Construction Law Zone](#) blog. As we continue to follow developments and trends in all areas of construction law and share our insights on issues important to the industry, including those related to the Coronavirus, we encourage you to check out the blog and [subscribe](#) to receive e-mails when new content is posted. We welcome your feedback and input on topics you'd like us to cover.

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## NEW YORK

### [OSHA's COVID-19 Guidelines for the Construction Industry Are Generally Consistent with New York State's and New York City's Existing Guidelines](#)

On May 26, 2020, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) launched a webpage with coronavirus-related guidance for construction employers and workers. The guidance includes recommended actions to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus. While this guidance is not a standard or regulation and creates no new legal obligations, following OSHA guidance could help in defending a General Duty Clause citation. [Read more](#)

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### [New York Empire State Development Issues Guidance for Construction Staging Activities](#)

In anticipation of reopening all construction activities statewide, on May 22, 2020, Governor Cuomo [announced](#) that construction staging activities would be allowed to commence before the Regions officially reopen. On May 31, 2020, the New York Empire State Development (ESD) updated its [Guidance on Executive Order 202.6](#) (NY Guidelines) to provide specifications regarding construction staging. With most Regions currently in Phase One or Phase Two, the staging guidance is most applicable to New York City, which is currently restricted to conducting only essential construction until it is cleared for a Phase One reopening. The allowed activities include the following: [Read more](#)

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### [Massachusetts Construction Litigation Scheduled to Get Back on Track](#)

With the issuance of a revised Order by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) dated May 26, 2020, construction litigation in Massachusetts is poised to re-start in earnest after July 1, 2020. As the SJC stated in its Order, “unless there is a new surge in COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth,” the *de facto* pause in litigation that went into effect in mid-March 2020 with the tolling of all civil statutes of limitations and all deadlines set forth in statutes or court rules, standing orders, tracking orders, or guidelines, “shall end and not be further extended.” [Read more](#)

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