

## ADJUSTING BUSINESS OPERATIONS AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As our State Governors roll out plans for re-opening different regions and different parts of the economy, businesses are preparing to open their doors to their employees and/or the public. Business managers and owners are busy educating themselves and preparing to implement the appropriate measures, policies, and practices that will keep their employees and customers safe while also allowing people to get back to work continuing to make a living supporting their families.

RT Environmental has been fortunate in this respect given that our tax codes and business classifications have allowed our offices to remain open with the majority of the services we provide being considered essential. Our offices have been closed to the public, and our technical staff have been working remotely from their homes, with limited personnel and support staff operating in our corporate and branch offices. We continue to accept environmental projects related to real estate transactions, property redevelopment, permitting, and environmental investigations. We also continue to work on keeping all of our long-term projects on track and fulfilling DEP reporting requirements for sites in both PA and NJ. That said, RT management is also beginning to plan for our technical staff to return to our offices in the very near future.

Tensions continue to rise between several citizen groups and government officials across the U.S., and all of the tension seems to stem from the uncertainty surrounding the virus and its effects. Business lobbyists and executives are pushing the current administration and Congress to shield American businesses from potential lawsuits related to operating amid the pandemic. Many are looking for the government to place temporary limits on the legal liability that a business can incur in this new environment. Many are looking for protection against lawsuits by customers or employees who have contracted the virus and accuse their work environment as being the source of their infection. Surely, considerations need to be given for implementing measures that will prevent businesses from becoming the targets of frivolous lawsuits, and at the same time, businesses need to be implementing the appropriate preventive and precautionary measures to provide their employees with a reasonably safe work environment. RT has been following the requirements and updates closely in both PA and NJ and wants our clients to know that RT is here to help.

Governor Wolf and The PA Department of Health (DOH) have issued several mandates related to worker protection, operating business requirements, and re-opening amid the coronavirus pandemic. The PA Chamber of Business and Industry provides a wealth of that information for PA Business Owners here: <https://www.pachamber.org/coronavirus/>

Governor Murphy and The New Jersey DOH have also issued mandates and guidance related to coronavirus. Information provided ranges from guidance for businesses preparing to open to workplace health and safety. All of that info can be found here: [https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_schoolbusiness.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_schoolbusiness.shtml)

Feel free to contact us should you have any questions regarding workplace health and safety issues pertaining to indoor environments and the coronavirus. We'd be happy to

help prepare and develop an appropriate worker health and safety plan for your business. We can also provide sanitizing, disinfecting, and testing services for retail, commercial, and industrial facilities.

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