



Impact of COVID-19 on School Construction

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In Governor Wolf's shutdown order, he ordered all non-life-sustaining businesses close their physical locations – including construction. Late last week, the Governor's Office issued correspondence to PSBA indicating that school construction is **not** subject to the shutdown order, and that it is a local decision as to whether or not a specific school construction project constitutes critical construction. If so, then the project can likely continue, without a waiver from the Commonwealth.

We encourage any school entity that wishes to resume a school construction project under current circumstances to [contact our office](#) to have a discussion about how to do so in a way that minimizes risk, limits increases in construction costs, if possible, and protects the public health during the current pandemic.

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