



# ***IRTBA Insider***

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## **COVID-19 Updates** *Major Agency Work to Proceed*

IRTBA leadership has been in close consultation with officials from the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Tollway, and the Chicago Department of Transportation concerning the impact COVID-19 may have on the transportation construction and design industry. All three agencies currently have no plans to stop or curtail work. The agencies have business continuity plans that will, at this time, ensure timely processing of paperwork – including payment requests.

IRTBA members are reminded, however, that the situation remains fluid. Industry is also advised that due to the nature of the current situation, enhanced protocols should be employed by individual firms. These include increased hand washing and social distancing, and are further spelled out by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Chicago Department of Public Health, and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

As always, prime contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and consultants are encouraged to maintain a strong working relationship on every project and to regularly advise the owner of any significant COVID-19 matter in the event circumstances warrant. IRTBA member firms should utilize teleconferencing with their teams and owners when possible as opposed to in-person meetings. Firms are encouraged to consult with their legal counsel and HR professionals for further guidance on addressing the myriad of issues associated with the pandemic.



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