



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

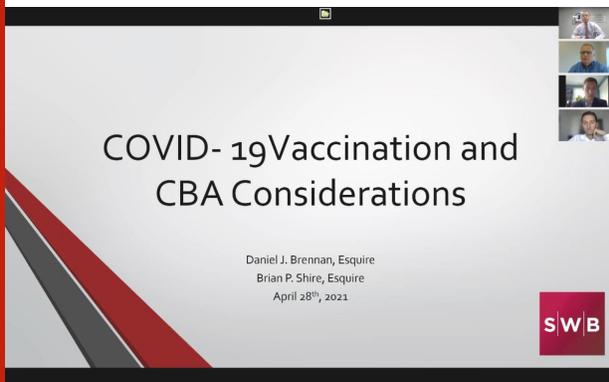
# MONTHLY UPDATE

April 2021

## *In Case You Missed It*



Thank you to all who tuned in for ACCNJ's Association Services webinar on Safety. We hope this installment of the series showed you the safety services ACCNJ can offer your company. Please contact the Association Office with any additional questions. Members can view the webinar at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org) on the Webinars and Presentations page.



The 11th webinar in ACCNJ's Legal & Insurance Webinar Series provided attendees with an in-depth look at COVID-19 Vaccinations and CBA Considerations. Susanin, Widman & Brennan provided ACCNJ members with their legal rights as well as potential ramifications when it comes to vaccinating New Jersey's construction workforce. Members can view the webinar at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org) on the Webinars and Presentations page.



## *COVID-19 Updates*

### **NJ Department of Health's Latest COVID Guidance**

In Bulletin 31-2021, we informed members on April 5, 2021, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH) issued updated guidance on three topics: (1) Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons, (2) Updated Travel Restrictions, and (3) Updated Quarantine Timeframes. For details and key takeaways, access the bulletin under April Bulletins members-only section at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org). In addition, we urge you to visit the CDC, NJDOH and OSHA websites frequently.

## High Levels of Fraudulent Unemployment Claims

In an ACCNJ Alert distributed on April 9, we notified members other AGC Chapters have been reporting high levels of fraudulent unemployment claims. Due to this surge, it is important to diligently monitor and confirm the legitimacy of claims. Please feel free to contact ACCNJ if your firm becomes impacted by fraudulent unemployment activity.

## IRA Guidance on FFCRA Tax Credits

In an ACCNJ Alert distributed on April 22, we informed members the IRS updated its guidance for claiming tax credits related to voluntary FFCRA leave under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). The guidance clarifies that the paid leave credits under ARP are tax credits against the employer's share of Medicare tax. The tax credits are refundable, which means the employer is entitled to payment of the full amount of the credits if it exceeds the employer's share of the Medicare tax. Employers may claim tax credits for sick and family leave paid to employees, including leave taken to receive or recover from COVID-19.

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## Labor

Access the bulletins referenced below under April Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### Wage Re-Openers

In Bulletins 37-2021 through 41-2021, we provided Active Members with details on wage re-openers effective May 1, 2021 for the following trades:

- B-37-2021 Dockbuilders 441
- B-38-2021 Eastern Millwrights
- B-39-2021 Bricklayers 4 & 5
- B-40-2021 Carpenters
- B-41-2021 Laborers 3 & 77

### Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 42-2021, we distributed to Active Members the information regarding the May 1, 2021 Wage & Fringe Benefits for New Jersey Building Laborers Locals 3 & 77.

### Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 44-2021, we distributed to Active Members the information regarding the May 1, 2021 Wage & Fringe Benefits for Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local Nos. 4 & 5, and Cement Masons & Plasterers Local No. 5/2.

### Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 44-2021, we distributed to Active Members the information regarding the May 1, 2021 Wage & Fringe Benefits for Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters and Eastern Millwrights Regional Council.

### Wage Re-Opener

In Bulletin 46-2021, we provided to Active Members information on the Dockbuilders Local No. 1556 wage re-opener, effective May 1, 2021.

## **Wage & Fringe Benefits**

In Bulletin 48-2021, we distributed to Active Members the information regarding the May 1, 2021 Wage & Fringe Benefits for Dockbuilders Local No. 1556.

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## **Government Affairs**

### **Biden Administration Releases Federal Infrastructure Plan**

In Bulletin 35-2021, we informed members President Biden unveiled the “American Jobs Plan.” The President’s proposed federal infrastructure package is structured as a wide-ranging spending proposal that seeks to invest in transportation, water, electric, broadband, public buildings, manufacturing, and more. The newly released plan seeks to spend nearly \$2 trillion, funded by raising corporate tax rates. For more information, access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org).

### **Governor Murphy Signs Design-Build Legislation into Law**

In Bulletin 50-2021, we notified members Governor Murphy signed A-1285 / S-2874, the “Design-Build Construction Services Procurement Act” into law. For more than a decade, ACCNJ worked tirelessly to amend and subsequently support this legislation, which sets forth the procedures for the awarding of design-build contracts within the public arena. For more information, access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org).

### **Two Additional Construction-Related Bills Signed into Law**

In Bulletin 51-2021, we informed members Governor Murphy signed S-3414 / A-5378 into law, which revises “public works projects” to expand the permissible use of PLAs beyond contracts for building-based public works projects. He also signed into law S-1739 / A-1145, which establishes the “Electronic Permit Processing Review System.” For more information, access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org).

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## **Safety**

### **ACCNJ Safety Day**

In Bulletin 18-2021, we announced ACCNJ will host Safety Day on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, which will now coincide with Construction Safety Week. On that day, participating members will place a special, coordinated emphasis on safety in a variety of ways. For details on activities and participation, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members only section at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org).

### **Worker Memorial Day**

In Bulletin 43-2021, we reminded Active Members OSHA’s Workers’ Memorial Day observances will be held nationwide, encouraging you to wear a ribbon, light a candle, or hold a moment of silence on April 28. Workers’ Memorial Day, as with ACCNJ’s Safety Day on May 5, reminds those in the industry and all citizens of the dangers in construction. On April 28 and every day, we must stay focused on jobsite safety. As always, we appreciate your

commitment to making safety your priority on every jobsite, every day.

### **ACCNJ Safety Shorts**

Have you joined us for ACCNJ's "Safety Shorts"? Safety Shorts encourage collective conversation about keeping jobsites safe.

On **Friday May 7, 2021**, ACCNJ will welcome Mr. Ed Davies, Rescue Services Training Manager at Med-Tex Services. We will discuss harness inducing pathology: suspension trauma, extrication issues and care after rescue. We will review first aid care provided while waiting for EMS and information to report to the paramedics - information that can save a life! While our ultimate goal is to eliminate fall hazards, it's always important to be prepared for the "what if."

Contact [jschiff@accnj.org](mailto:jschiff@accnj.org) with questions or for more information.

### **OSHA Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction**

In addition to ACCNJ's Safety Day and Construction Safety Week, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced it has scheduled the eighth annual National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction for May 3-7, 2021. OSHA encourages construction employers and other stakeholders to join the event to promote awareness and training to address one of the industry's most serious dangers. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

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## ***Education & Workforce Development***

### **Tuition Reimbursement Program**

As a reminder, in Bulletin 05-2021, we informed Active Members the ACCNJ Industry Advancement Trust (IAT) has approved the continuation of the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. The courses selected must be aimed at providing job-related knowledge and skills for construction personnel in either office or field operations. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Webinars and Events***

### **ACCNJ Services Webinar Series**

ACCNJ's Association Services webinar series will continue to address the various programs and services offered by ACCNJ. Each webinar will focus on a specific service area and be presented by staff who is directly involved in that arena. We hope you will take advantage of having the appropriate staff from your company participate in these webinars, which will not exceed 45 minutes.

The next webinar of the series, on ACCNJ's Legal & Insurance and Diversity & Compliance services, will take place on May 18, 2021. [CLICK HERE](#) for details and registration information.

### **ACCNJ Legal & Insurance Webinar Series**

ACCNJ's free Webinar Series features Associate Members addressing timely topics on COVID-19 related insurance and legal issues. The series continues

May 4th with a presentation by Genova Burns LLC on strategies for staying afloat in a post-COVID era. The presentation will walk through sound practices and strategic approaches for dealing with the financial and legal impacts of the pandemic. [CLICK HERE](#) for details and registration information.

### **ACCNJ's Golf Tournament and Dinner**

ACCNJ's June 7<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing is sold out! Thank you to all who registered. Confirmations will be sent in mid-May. We look forward to seeing you at our first in-person event in more than a year!

Although we can no longer accept golfers, sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the form.

### **BlueBeam REVU for Beginners**

ACCNJ member ZenTek Consultants, a certified Bluebeam Partner, is offering an online course, "Bluebeam Revu for Beginners," for ACCNJ Active Members in May and June, 2021. This program is delivered in four, two-hour online sessions. A live instructor will explain the detailed functions and address questions as the class progresses. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and registration.

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## **AGC of America**

### **AGC of America Member Discount Programs**

In Bulletin 47-2021, we reminded members AGC of America provides discounts on a variety of products, services and technologies, and is available to ACCNJ members. Recently, **AGC/A announced a new discount program** with Home Depot Pro. For details, access the bulletin under April Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## **Communications**

### ***New Jersey Construction Magazine* —**

#### **REMINDER Advertising and Member News Opportunities**

ACCNJ will publish the Summer 2021 issue of *NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION* in July 2021. As a reminder, in Bulletin 27-2021, we notified members of opportunities to support the magazine with your advertising. The deadline for ads for the Summer issue is May 11, 2021.

Additionally, in Bulletin 31-2021 we asked members to submit Member News and Giving Back activities and photos for the Summer 2021 issue. Members can submit via an online form or through email.

For details, access the bulletins under March Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **The Cost of COVID-19 in Construction**

In the feature article in the Summer 2021 issue of ACCNJ's magazine, *New Jersey Construction*, we will explore the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic from a pure cost perspective. To help relay information pertinent to New Jersey contractors, we ask you to complete the following brief survey: [THE COST OF COVID-19 IN CONSTRUCTION SURVEY](#)

# Hiring and Job Opportunities

## Resumes Available

ACCNJ has reached out to students that previously participated in the CIAP Internship Program to collect resumes from those graduating in May 2021 or have recently graduated and are currently seeking employment.

If your company has potential full-time employment openings for any of these candidates, please email [jschiff@accnj.org](mailto:jschiff@accnj.org) and we will forward their resumes to you.

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## Hot Topics Recap

In April, we posted these Hot Topics at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org):

- March Metro Construction Jobs Still Below March 2020 Levels
  - NJ Transit Picks New Construction Management Chief
  - \$26 Million Loan for Hackensack Industrial Site Purchase
  - Caesars AC Announces \$400 Million in Renovations
  - Newark Does Final Review of University Heights Mixed-Use
  - UPDATE: Gateway Environmental Review Gets Early Completion Date
  - Wildwood to Redo Boardwalk in \$25 Million, 5-Year Plan
  - Pemberton Anticipates New Warehouse in Early 2022
  - UPDATE: EPA Releases New Plan to Clean Up Passaic River
  - In March, Construction Jobs Lag for Year, Pick Up for Month
  - US DOT Opens \$1 Billion in Grants for Roads, Rails, Ports
  - Proposal for Hoboken Mixed-Use and DPW Considered
  - Princeton's West Windsor Campus Proposal Reviewed
  - More Spikes in Construction Materials Costs for March
  - Developer Seeks CRDA Approvals for Morris Armory Mixed-Use
  - EPA Moves Ahead on Gibbsboro Superfund Site Cleanup
  - February Year-Over-Year Construction Jobs Show Big Drop in Metros
  - Construction Jobs Rebound in March
  - Plainfield YMCA Site Proposed for Mixed-Use Redevelopment
  - Deborah Hospital Gets \$88.2 Million Federal Loan
  - Medical Arts Center Breaks Ground, Plans Emerge for Birthing Center in AC
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