Regarding Gov. Inslee’s Proclamation 20-25 “Stay Home, Stay Healthy”

The University of Washington is aware that due to situations beyond everyone’s control, our construction projects are impacted by this Proclamation. The University is committed to the safety and security of our workers, staff, and all our partners working on our projects, and to doing our part to slow the spread of COVID-19. The University’s priorities as related to the work on our projects, as well as for campus operations, are:

1. Support efforts to ‘flatten the curve’
2. Ensure the health and safety of the workforce
3. Optimize the productivity of essential work given the circumstances and while conforming to public health guidance.

To determine the status of our construction projects, the University has reviewed the following three documents:

1. Proclamation 20-25 “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” and the associated “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” document
2. The Governor’s memorandum dated March 25, 2020 titled “Construction Guidance- Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation (20-25)”

We evaluated all of our projects under or nearing construction for their inclusion in one or more of the Essential Sectors listed in Document 1, as well as for meeting any of the exceptions in Document 2 or Document 3. A matrix of projects indicating our assessment of them as essential work, permitted by exception b) in Document 2, or permitted by exceptions 3 or 6 in Document 3, may be found on the UW Project Delivery Group’s website.

If your assessment of your project(s) differs with the University’s, please contact me to discuss. If your firm decides to suspend construction, please develop a revised project plan indicating the steps needed to safely suspend construction and secure the project during this “stay home, stay healthy” period.

We expect that each project under construction is following the recommended guidelines of public health officials and keeping staff and the project workforce safe. Per Document 3, you must submit to the University your project-specific COVID-19 protection plan in accordance with CDC, DOH, and L&I guidelines, and then follow that plan. You have the responsibility to ensure that you are following not just the public health guidelines, but also the Governor’s directives, and the applicable provisions in each contract.
As always, we are grateful for your partnership and diligence in your work. Please keep safe.

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