

A MESSAGE FROM **ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION** REGARDING COVID-19

As the New York metropolitan area grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Contractors Association of New York City (ECA) is prepared and ready to ensure biohazard safety in the workplace, particularly for the essential services outlined by the Governor's office. We strongly encourage everyone to practice social distancing as much as possible and to follow guidelines from the CDC and state and local governments. We've provided a list of resources below with more information from these organizations on how to help prevent the spread of the virus to promote the health and safety of our communities as we work to ensure societal and business continuity through this crisis.

For our part, ECA is working to support our region through our longstanding expertise with workplace and facility health and safety, whether through training or proactive planning. It will be critical in the coming weeks to check that any contractors entrusted with the decontamination or enactment of environmental health and safety measures at your workplaces be credentialed and certified to do so, as our Chairman Morris Napolitano noted recently in an **interview with Engineering News-Record**. We have been particularly inspired by the responses of our contractors, who are donating masks and other critical PPE to hospitals and other healthcare facilities and ambulance squads.

We will remain on high alert to support our neighbors and clients on any emergency or priority needs to ensure public health and safety, including by providing training through our **Certified Environmental Remediation Training (CERT)** Institute. We also have a range of biohazard resources on our ECA site, including **COVID-19 Pre- and Post-Cleaning Verification** and **Industry Standards Guidelines used by the city's unions**. (Both are linked below.)

Additionally, our coronavirus services include the following, among others:

- Emergency assessment
- Moisture-map monitoring
- Temporary power
- Removal/replacement and emergency buildback including painting and flooring
- Temporary storage
- Document retrieval
- Detailed electrical cleaning
- Emergency plumbing service
- Full range of scaffolding requirements
- Analysis for possible contaminants
- Temporary boiler service
- Damage mitigation
- Board up
- Selective demolition
- Debris removal
- Odor elimination
- Emergency cleaning/repairs
- Contents restoration
- Electronics restoration
- Inventory/pack-out
- Secure/controlled storage

Please do not hesitate to contact us if assistance is needed. Our teams remain working around the clock to help ensure New York metro area residents are supported and safe. Additionally, you can find a list of public resources below and on our **website**, where you can find regular updates from our team:

- New York State **guidance** on workforce executive orders
- CDC **information, announcements** and **guidelines** on COVID-19
- New York State's **resource page** for COVID-19 updates and information
- New York City's business **resource toolkit** for COVID-19
- New York City Health Department's **resource page** for citizens, including factsheets in 22 languages for your diverse communities and workforces
- New York Cares offers **information and updates** on how to stay active and support your community through donations and volunteering

Additionally, over the coming weeks, we will be posting updates on our ECA social media accounts on how to stay engaged and safe while you socially distance and follow the Governor's recent executive order. You can follow us on our Instagram and LinkedIn.

This is a new and unprecedented challenge for New York, but we also know that our industry has the tools and the resilience to help our community emerge from this stronger than ever.

[COVID-19 Pre & Post Cleaning Verification](#)

[COVID-19 Industry Standards Guidance](#)