

# Safety Stand Down Talking Points

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- One of the defining characteristics of the commercial construction industry is your unwavering commitment to the safety and health of every construction worker.
- Given the current COVID-19 pandemic, your workers and the American public are relying on you to continue that commitment to safety.
- It is becoming increasingly clear that there is no margin for error when it comes to protecting your workforce and the public from the spread of the coronavirus.
- That is why we are asking you to join with AGC of America members across the country on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in holding coronavirus safety stand downs at your job sites.
- These stand downs will provide an opportunity for you to make sure that everyone working on your job sites understands, and follows, all relevant safety guidelines provided by public health and safety officials.
- AGC of America's safety team is crafting guidelines to help you organize the stand downs in a socially distanced way and provide content to share with your teams. We will send those to you by Monday.
- We are also asking you to let us know if you plan to participate in the stand down, how many workers will be involved, and if you would be willing to allow the media to observe your stand downs.
- Make no mistake, the first priority of these stand downs is to protect your workers. But we also have an obligation to reassure the public that the construction industry is doing its parts to protect all of us from the spread of the coronavirus.
- These are challenging times. But I know that if there is any group of people that can overcome the challenges we face, it is contractors.
- I want to thank all of you for what you are doing to protect your workers and the public. And thank you for joining with us on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> as the construction industry stands down for coronavirus safety.