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COVID-19 Claims: Its Impact and You

COVID-19 has had a major impact on all aspects of our daily lives, including construction and projects. Claims, delays, losses of productivity, and PPE have developed and arisen from this new pandemic. Moderated by [Kilpatrick Townsend's Larry Prosen](#), a construction and government contracts partner, the [Washington Building Congress \(WBC\)](#) Member Chat Group's first Thursday Chat Group covered these topics in a moderated, open-forum discussion limited to 20 members of the WBC. Mr. Prosen provided his observations, insights, and thoughts to kick off an open discussion with the attendees:

Key takeaways from the discussion, include:

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Contractors continue to experience loss of productivity/inefficiency from (a) use of PPE; (b) site access slowdowns; (c) lack of owner understanding of COVID protocols and changes by government in same.

COVID has not stopped, but has impacted, construction.

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Proper documentation and recognition of impacts and delays, as well as timely notice thereof, is critical to preserve rights.

COVID is not automatically a force majeure event – read your contract.

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COVID is here and will be for the coming months. Recognition of this fact – even those that initially thought it was not the “real deal” is key to plan and protect your employees and projects.

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