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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:

1. 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.

2. COVID has not stopped, but has impacted, construction.

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

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

5. 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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