DELTAWARE STATE GOVERNMENT’S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

Good morning. As we all begin to assimilate to our new normal under the COVID-19 crisis, I wanted to provide you an update on Delaware State Government’s response to the coronavirus and to provide you a few links to useful information you may find valuable in the days ahead.

Gov. John Carney directed on Monday that restaurants and bars in Delaware restrict their operations to take-out, drive-thru and delivery services to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The Governor also gave Delaware’s Secretary of Labor authorization to develop emergency rules to ensure that unemployment benefits are available for Delawareans whose jobs are affected by the outbreak.

Governor Carey directed organizers and sponsors of public gatherings of 50 or more people to cancel those gatherings immediately and halted gaming operations at Delaware's three casinos.

The Legislative Session has been postponed for the week.

Link to Delaware Department of Labor COVID-19 unemployment insurance update

Link to Delaware Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 page

Other Helpful COVID-19 Information Links

CDC Resources for Businesses and Employers

OSHA Guidance for preparing workplaces

United States Small Business Association Guidance for Businesses

SBA Disaster Assistance Loans
In response to economic impact of COVID-19, the United States Small Business Administration will offer up to $2 million in disaster assistance loans to small businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Late last week, President Donald Trump announced up to $50 billion in low-interest loans for small businesses around the United States. There is no limit on the number of loans available in each state; the $2 million limit applies to each eligible business. For details, click here.