

AIA Delaware's Response to COVID-19

My thoughts are with you and your families as we face the unprecedented public health crisis created by the COVID-19, Coronavirus, pandemic.

I know, like ours, many firms and offices in Delaware have migrated to operating remotely. Others remain open, practicing good social distancing while trying to support clients as well as possible. It's important to remember the precautions we are employing now are an effort to prevent further spread of the virus and infection among our high-risk populations.

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AIA Delaware is also addressing its activities. We are evaluating and updating our processes and procedures in accordance with changing conditions and recommendations from the [CDC](#), and [State](#) and local authorities.

- The Chapter remains open and operations continue uninterrupted, virtually.
- All in-person programs and events through April 30 have been or will be rescheduled as virtual meetings or postponed to a later date.
- We plan to resume live, in-person Continuing Education programs when we can and may begin to offer online programs. In the meantime, consider the online education programs being offered by [AIAU](#), [Hanley Wood University](#) and others.
- All board, committee and individual meetings will take place as virtual meetings until the current health crisis subsides.

AIA Delaware is here for you. Contact Executive Director, Nancy Payne, to share info on how the crisis is affecting your firm's projects and office operations, as well as any anticipated downturn in new work; how AIA can be supportive and responsive to you during this crisis and beyond; and ways we can offer knowledge, resources and connectedness through our professional community.

As the voice of the architecture profession, responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the public and our communities, AIA and its members are leading by design and by demonstrating the vital role of design for health in our built environment.

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It is my hope that this pandemic subsides quickly and that those who fall ill recover quickly and without long term effects. Once our health as a community returns, we must focus on building back our economy by supporting our colleagues, vendors and clients so their businesses can regain their previous strength. We are a resilient state and have seen our fair share of natural events; I believe that we will weather this as well.

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