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Two early morning updates.

First, late last night we sent out an update regarding the ability to do repairs under the Governor's Executive Order. Unfortunately, that update contained a very critical typo. The definition of repair under the Michigan Residential Code is "**RECONSTRUCTION** or renewal of any part of an existing building for the purpose of its maintenance or to correct damage," not "construction" as it stated in the update.

We apologize for this error and want to remind everyone beginning new construction is not allowed under the Executive Order. We are advocating that such work should be allowed to keep various supply chains open and workers available for emergency work that may be needed in the future but in the meantime, *if you are uncertain if a project falls under the definition of repair and is necessary to the safety, sanitation and essential operation of the house, we strongly advise you to err on the side of caution.*

Second, it has come to our attention that a document is circulating among builders and subcontractors stating that essential infrastructure includes construction of housing. The language in this document is taken from Ohio's "shelter in place" Executive Order, not the Executive Order for Michigan issued by Governor Whitmer yesterday. It does not apply in Michigan and should not be relied on.