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May 1, 2020

Dear Home MVP contractor:

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In light of the Baker Administration's Order on COVID-19 issued on March 23rd, and in the interest of public health, **beginning March 24, 2020, and currently extended through May 4, 2020, DOER is asking you to cease any in-person interactions with customers under Home MVP.** This includes any scheduled or new home energy assessments, any pre-approved projects where work has not started, and work on existing projects except as explained in the paragraph below.

For existing projects where work is already underway (i.e., the project has received pre-approval and work has begun but is not yet complete), work should be suspended and postponed as of Tuesday, March 24th. However, if certain work must be completed before suspending (i.e. heating system has already been removed and replacement needs to be installed and commissioned), work may proceed at the discretion of you and your customer, while maintaining social distancing (i.e., all workers and customers stay approximately six feet apart). See <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> for guidance on social distancing and other information related to COVID-19.

We recognize that this request to stop work is difficult, and we want to let you know that there are some economic resources available for small businesses listed on the state website here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-resources-and-guidance-for-businesses>.

In addition, here are the recommended practices for COVID -19 prevention. More information can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment>:

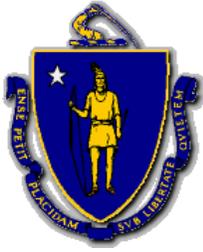
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