

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Essential Services



Dear Pace Partner,

Pace Analytical® is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in the United States and around the globe. With this in mind it is important to emphasize that public and environmental health monitoring, per existing regulatory requirements must also continue. Our network of laboratories support many environmental regulations covering drinking water testing, waste water discharge monitoring, air monitoring, environmental assessment and remediation, and many others.

The CDC recently published "The 10 Essential Public Health Services" list\* noting that #6 on the list states the following: "6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety". To date, there have been no statements from the Environmental Protection Agency that are inconsistent with the CDC messaging. As such, it is our responsibility to continue to provide federally regulated, mandated, and essential services that represent reliable, high quality, analyses of chemical, biological, and radiological samples taken in support of critical environmental monitoring.

Our top priority is to continue to provide essential services for environmental analyses, while monitoring the messages and mandates from multiple Federal agencies. The commercial environmental laboratory community must stand ready to provide analytical support to public laboratories that may be affected, should that become necessary. In these unpredictable times, we must keep public health and safety at the forefront and anticipate areas where we may need to deploy additional environmental services.

Our continued operation and uninterrupted service is supported by our supplier community. The Pace Analytical® continuity plan includes readiness of necessary consumables being housed at supplier locations. As such, businesses supplying our industry are considered essential suppliers to a compliance driven professional service.

Pace Analytical® is well-positioned to provide continued support for regulatory and compliance needs during this time. Our national lab network is fully operational, providing uninterrupted service in support of our customers and communities. We are working with our suppliers to minimize any supply chain interruptions. As we work through this national crisis we assure you that we are doing our best to meet compliance needs and maintain the safety of our employees.

With respect to new and evolving information, we will continue to closely monitor the situation from an operational perspective and adjust updates as necessary. In the meantime, we wish the best for the safety and health of your families, friends and co-workers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith R. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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\*(<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/publichealthservices/essentialhealthservices.html>)