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### **Big Picture**

- Law and interpretations remain the same, but
  - US consuls closed
  - US borders closed/quarantine rules
  - Travel restrictions and bans
  - Impact of high unemployment
  - Deadlines not extended







### **EB-5** Developments

- Impact of higher investment amounts
- Impact of longer processing delays
- Project delays -- impact on job creation
- Impact of "material changes"
- Quota delays combined with failure to use all available numbers







### CBI/E-2 Developments

- CBI countries continuing to process passport applications
- E-2 applications cannot be approved until US consuls reopen
- E-2 visa interviews delayed
- New travel bans do not affect E-2 applications
- More businesses for sale at lower amounts
- Basic requirements remain the same







### L-1/EB-1C Developments

- What are the requirements?
- How compare with E-2?
- Less dependent on investment; more dependent on active management and employees
- Application filed with USCIS







### **Impact of Travel Restrictions**

- Inability to return to US
  - Impact on permanent resident status
  - Reentry permits
- Inability to leave US
  - Impact on immigration status
  - Impact on tax status
  - Impact on E visa strategy
- Issues relating to EB-5
  - Conditional permanent resident's travel issues
  - 6 months to use immigrant visa to enter US



## Questions?





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