Guidelines for Construction Sites during COVID-19 Pandemic

To effectively **maintain a safe work environment at all construction sites during the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic**, Public Works Building and Safety is strongly recommending that all workers/employees adhere to the recent guidelines published by the CDC and Cal/OSHA. Industry employers are also highly encouraged to develop and **implement comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control plans to include proper social distancing, symptom checking, hygiene, and decontamination procedures**. We are committed to serving the public, ensuring safety and working together with the construction industry to ensure the continuation of essential construction projects in a safe manner while doing our utmost to curtail the transmission of COVID-19.

Please also refer to the Cal/OSHA Interim Guidelines for General Industry on 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19):
https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/General-Industry.html

Following are **minimum recommended procedures to be practiced at all active construction sites**.

1. **Practice social distancing** by maintaining a minimum 6-foot distance from others.

2. **Preclude gatherings of any size, and anytime two or more people must meet, ensure minimum 6-foot separation**. If process requires/has no alternative, provide suitable personal protective equipment (PPE), limit interaction to the minimum time required to perform the given task, and comply to the maximum extent.

3. **Provide PPE** such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.

4. The owner/contractor should **designate a site-specific COVID-19 Supervisor** to enforce this guidance. A designated COVID-19 Supervisor should be present on the construction site at all times during construction activities. The COVID-19 Supervisor can be an onsite worker who is designated to carry this role.

5. **Identify "choke points" and "high-risk areas"** where workers are forced to stand together, such as hallways, hoists and elevators, break areas, and buses, and **control them so social distancing is maintained**.

6. **Minimize interactions when picking up or delivering equipment or materials** to ensure minimum 6-foot separation.

7. **Stagger the trades as necessary to reduce density** and maintain minimum 6-foot separation social distancing.

8. **Discourage workers from using other workers' phones, desks, offices, tools, and equipment.** If necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use.

9. **Post in areas visible to all worker required hygienic practices,** including not touching face with unwashed hands or with gloves; washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, cleaning AND disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, elevator control buttons, and doorknobs; and covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.

10. **Use cloth face coverings** in accordance with the guidelines established by the Los Angeles County Public Health and CDC as follows:

   County of Los Angeles Public Health – Guidance for Cloth Face Coverings - http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf

   CDC's Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams – How to Make Your Own Face Covering - https://youtu.be/tPx1yqvJgf4

   CDC's Guidance for Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf

11. **Place wash stations or hand sanitizers in multiple locations** to encourage hand hygiene.

12. Require anyone on the project to **stay home if they are sick**, except to get medical care.

13. Have employees **inform their supervisor if they have a sick family member at home with COVID-19**.

14. **Maintain a daily attendance log** of all workers and visitors.