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 is strongly recommending that all workers/employees adhere to the recent guidelines published by the CDC and Cal/OSHA. Industry employers also are 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 you 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, face coverings, 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 workers the 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:


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


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.