

Tips to Keep Construction Operations Safe for COVID-19

As executive orders begin to close non-essential businesses and the impact of COVID-19 continues to grow. It is more important than ever to keep our jobsites safe and healthy. Here are some great resources to help you develop you site-specific COVID-19 specific plan. As always, your jobsite may present unique exposures that are not covered by these guidelines. Our Risk Control staff stands ready to assist you with any of your general and unique questions. Our staff contact information is available at the end of this document. Together we make sure your construction jobsites stay safe, healthy and productive.

Available Resources

[Marsh McLennan Agency Coronavirus Outbreak Resource Page](#)

[OSHA COVID-19 Resource Page](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Hub](#)

[NIOSH Website](#)

[AGC COVID-19 Resource Page](#)

- [AGC Houston Chapter COVID-19 Recommended Practices for Construction Jobsites](#)
- [AGC Oregon-Columbia Chapter COVID-19 Jobsite Practices](#)
- [The Builders' Association COVID-19 Recommended Best Practices for Construction Jobsites](#)

Check other trade and industry websites for industry relevant material.

In summary, here are the areas you need to focus on:

Location Approach

- Site Monitoring
 - Question workers coming on site. (All visitors sign in and out at location)
 - Have you, or anyone in your family, been in contact with a person that is in the process of being tested or has tested positive for COVID-19?
 - Have you, or anyone in your family traveled outside of the U.S. within the last two weeks?
 - Head / Temperature Scans
 - Symptom checks such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, body aches, chills, or fatigue
 - Direct workers to medical attention if they develop symptoms

- Site Training
 - Frequent Toolbox Talks to update Workers (Perform Outside or in multiple small groups / Keep Social Distance of 6')
 - Train ALL Employees on PPE used on site.
 - Communicate frequently to workers on site.

- Site Controls
 - 100% eye protection, and
 - 100% glove use (disposable gloves if possible)
 - Set up Sanitation Control (If available water / soap / sink, sanitizer, wipes)
 - Have a set “stop work” to clean and sanitize equipment, tools, and PPE
 - Set up sanitation stations at entry points and throughout the location
 - Establish Hygiene Practices – Frequent Breaks
 - Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or Use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Limit the amount of trades/departments working at the same time. When possible, have one trade at a time. Arrange multiple shifts so they can be staggered
 - Have individual tool & equipment assignment (including individual pens for sign in)
 - No shared water coolers, food, etc.
 - Proper trash disposal (hands free opening / closing)
 - Utilize shoe sanitation tubs (non-bleach sanitizer solution) prior to entering/leaving location.

Mid-Atlantic Risk Control Team: We are here to help, contact us for any questions.

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