

## COVID-19 and Construction

The Occupational Safety and Health Act requires construction employers to provide a safe and healthy workplace. This includes precautions to limit exposure to COVID-19. Potential sources of exposure to COVID-19 include having close contact with a co-worker or member of the public who is ill with the virus, or coming into contact with a contaminated surface and then touching your nose, mouth, or eyes. Precautions to take while at a jobsite include, but are not limited to:

### Engineering Controls

- Conduct a hazard assessment prior to arriving on the jobsite.
- Use closed doors and walls, whenever feasible, as physical barriers to separate workers from others.
- Restrict access and the number of employees in enclosed spaces – and identify social-distance markers.
- Consider erecting plastic sheeting barriers when workers need to occupy specific areas of an indoor work site where they are in close contact (less than 6 feet) with someone suspected of having or known to have COVID-19.
- Minimize interactions when picking up or delivering equipment or materials.

### Administrative Controls

- Encourage sick employees to stay home.
- Screen workers upon arrival at the jobsite, ask wellness questions and take temperature using “no-touch” thermometers.
- Develop social distance guidelines and face covering rules.
- Continue requiring personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Train workers on the most current information on hazard and control measures, including social distancing, handwashing facilities onsite, and how to disinfect high-touch surfaces.
- Provide access to soap and handwashing areas. If this is not possible, provide alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60% alcohol at stations. Identify the location(s).
- Provide wipes and disinfecting products and wipe down surfaces and tools throughout the day.
- Stagger work schedules.
- Identify a lunch area where social distancing can commence.
- Ensure workers know whom to contact if they have concerns or they are feeling ill.

Date of Safety Talk \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Talk given by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending Employees:**

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