



Covid-19 Recommended Practices for Construction Job Sites

Under Governor Brad Little's "Statewide Stay-Home Order" updated March 25, 2020, Public Works, Commercial and Housing construction are included as essential services during the COVID-19 "Stay at Home" period. It is a privilege that is being challenged by the public when they observe job sites that clearly are not following critical social distancing and sanitation procedures that have become the norm of daily life in Idaho.

If the industry as a whole desires to maintain its essential classification and keep contractors working, it will be absolutely necessary for contractors and their employees to demonstrate their willingness to avoid having the construction industry become a primary source of the virus spread.

With the industry's best interest in mind, the Idaho Division of Building Safety has collated recommendations from the Association of General Contractors and the National Association of Home Builders to provide the following guidelines to best practices for construction job sites.

Thank you for your efforts in support of keeping Idaho's construction industry working.

- It is critical that individuals NOT report to work while they are experiencing illness symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, body aches, chills, or fatigue.
- Do not host large group meetings. CDC recommends that we avoid gatherings of 10+ people; and when meeting, that we keep a 6-foot distance between people. Perform meetings online or via conference call whenever possible.
- To limit the number of people on a jobsite, allow non-essential personnel to work from home when possible.
- Discourage hand-shaking and other contact greetings.
- Instruct employees to clean their hands often with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol or wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.
- Provide soap and water and alcohol-based hand rubs in the workplace. Ensure that adequate supplies are maintained. Place hand rubs in multiple locations or in conference rooms to encourage hand hygiene.
- Do not congregate in lunch areas. Take breaks and lunch in shifts to reduce the size of the group in the lunch area at any one time to less than 10 people.
- Do not share tools or any multi-user devices and accessories such as iPads, laptops, hand-held radios, computer stations, etc.
- Limit the exchange/sharing of paper documents by encouraging use of electronic communication whenever possible.

- Do not share personal protection equipment (PPE).
- Sanitize reusable PPE per manufacturer's recommendation prior to each use.
- Utilize disposable gloves where appropriate; instruct workers to wash hands after removing gloves.
- Disinfect reusable supplies and equipment.
- Identify specific locations and practices for daily trash such as: paper, hand towels, food containers, etc. Instruct workers responsible for trash removal in proper PPE/hand washing practices.
- Provide routine environmental cleaning (doorknobs, keyboards, counters, and other surfaces).
- Do not use a common water cooler. Provide individual water bottles or instruct workers to bring their own.
- Utilize shoe sanitation tubs (non-bleach sanitizer solution) prior to entering/leaving jobsite.
- Instruct workers to change work clothes prior to arriving home and to wash clothes in hot water with laundry sanitizer.
- Don't stack trades if possible.
- Utilize disposable hand towels and no-touch trash receptacles.
- Request additional/increased sanitation (disinfecting) of portable toilets.
- Avoid cleaning techniques such as using pressurized air or water sprays that may result in the generation of bioaerosols.
- Clean surfaces of service/fleet vehicles, steering wheel, gear shift, instrument panels, etc.; use aerosol sanitizers inside closed cabs.
- In regards to shuttling employees, ensure distancing and encourage workers to provide their own transportation where possible.
- Separate sick employees. CDC recommends that employees who appear to have acute respiratory illness symptoms (i.e. cough, shortness of breath) upon arrival to work, or become sick during the day, should be separated from other employees and be sent home immediately.
- Communicate your company's Human Resources practices for managing sick time related to COVID-19.
- Job site offices/trailers and break/lunchrooms must be cleaned at least twice per day.

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