

CITY OF LANCASTER
COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES

The following guidelines are based on Interim CDC's Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), OSHA's Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, and other publications. Construction industry employers shall develop a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control plan, which includes control measures such as social distancing; symptom checking; hygiene; decontamination procedures, and training. An exposure control plan and the following practices must be followed to prevent any onsite worker from contracting COVID-19, as many people with COVID-19 are asymptomatic and can potentially spread disease.

1. Practice social/physical 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.
3. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.
4. The owner/contractor shall designate a foreman/forewoman on the project to be present on the construction site at all times during construction activities.
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. Stagger the trades when possible and as necessary to reduce density and maintain minimum 6-foot separation social distancing.
7. Discourage workers from using other workers' phones, desks, offices, work tools and equipment. If necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use.
8. Post, in areas visible to all workers, 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; covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.
9. Place wash stations or hand sanitizers in multiple locations to encourage hand hygiene.
10. Require anyone on the project to stay home if they are sick, except to get medical care.
11. Have employees inform their supervisor if they have a sick family member at home with COVID-19. Make sure to inform the City of Lancaster inspector assigned to the work site of the current health situation. The person infected shall self-quarantine for 14 days as per the LA County Public Health guidelines.
12. Maintain a daily attendance log of all workers and visitors.