

Safe Work Practices for Coronavirus in the Construction Environment

New Project and Restart Safety Guidance

The following guidance and criteria shall be implemented during the restart or start-up of a project when addressing the hazards associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19). All or some of the following expectations may be implemented, and coordinated with affected contractors in order to restart/resume construction activities

Owner Information:

1. Has the owner provided an official letter to project start-up or identification as a “critical infrastructure project”?

a. This letter shall be reviewed to confirm scope of start-up.

2. Does the owner require any forms or processes to be completed prior to project re-starting?

Additional actions that may be required but are not limited to the following:

a. A list of workers by Subcontractor who will be required to be at the project

b. Verification by the contractors that each employee that will be present on the project and their designation of “fit for duty”.

3. Any new or revised protocols or procedures as it relates to the COVID-19 Pandemic that will be implemented on the project.

a. These and any other additional requirements will need to be reviewed by the company and their legal counsel.

Prior to Mobilizing/Restarting:

1. Confirm your project is “essential” (if necessary) as determined by the company or any local, state, or federal orders concerning COVID-19. Compliance to the requirements are mandatory.

2. Validate or verify all employees who will be required to be on the project have the required

“essential” letters (if necessary) to gain access to the project.

3. If the project was shut down during the COVID Pandemic, review/create a Start-up Checklist to ensure all applicable items have been addressed to resume start-up.

4. Provide notification of project scheduled start date and shift times to your project team and contractors.

Project Site Requirements:

1. Work Site

a. Establish common point entrance(s) to the project that all employees will need to go through prior to entering the project. (to facilitate any monitoring practices)

b. Ensure all COVID-19 Preventative measures signage is posted at gates, fences, trailers, and/or project boards within the building.

Signage shall include at a minimum:

The COVID19 Know Your Symptoms Poster

CDC COVID-19 Guidance Poster

County Specified Health Department Required Postings

c. Establish locations of Porta Johns and Hand Washing Stations to meet manpower of the project.

Service will be at a minimum three (3) times per week. If three (3) days a week becomes difficult, develop a servicing plan that is acceptable with CDC guidelines

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- d. Contact the Company _____ and order hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies for the office trailer, pre-screening process at entrance point, as well as break areas.
- e. Review and establish site entry guidelines for survey and pre-screening.

It is essential to practice social distancing and eliminate congregation around entry/exits
- f. Review project parking requirements based on work force.
- g. Discuss ridesharing and the impact that this may have on being allowed to work on the site.
- h. Review project drinking water facilities. Require individual bottled water/containers in lieu of community coolers.
- i. Identify a Cleaning Service in the event cleaning/de-contamination is required.
- j. Develop your project cleaning procedures, following CDC recommendation.
- k. Follow company/ site policy for any medical incidents including First Aid and first response personal.

2. Site Access (for ANYONE prior to entering the project)

- a. STEP 1: Complete an on-site COVID-19 Health Survey.

Each project will have its own customized form as designated by the company and/or location of the project.

Any "YES" answer to any of the questions will trigger a "No Entry" designation to the project.

- b. STEP 2: Pass temperature screening (if applicable) (verbal or physical test verification)

3. Pre-Task Planning

- a. All contractors shall resubmit all previously submitted Pre-Task Analysis (PTAs) for each

work scope that was identified and include COVID-19 exposures.

Additional criteria to be included on the PTA include:

CDC Recommendations for Hygiene, Social Distancing, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for each job task.

Social distancing compliance should be the primary focus during any work task.

Working at close contact (6' for 10 minutes or more) should be considered a last resort.

If work requires close contact, specific details must be included on the PTA.

Remember, PPE such as masks, gloves, and Tyvek Suits will be in short supply. The focus of PPE should be focused on Health Care Workers.

- b. Establish deadline for PTA submission so they can be reviewed and approved in an adequate amount of time before work can proceed.

4. Project Social Distancing Considerations.

- a. Review Site Plan to identify/define meeting restrictions and applicable requirements.

- b. One of the largest social distancing challenges at the jobsite is separation of trades at the start of the shift for morning huddles, briefing, breaks, lunch, and departure.

Contractors need to implement seating with the proper distances between workers and if necessary, stagger meetings with their workers to ensure there is not overcrowding at their meeting areas.

All meeting areas shall be cleaned/disinfected through-out the day, and after each meeting/gathering.

- c. Evaluate jobsite trailers to ensure the space is large enough to hold all required workers and

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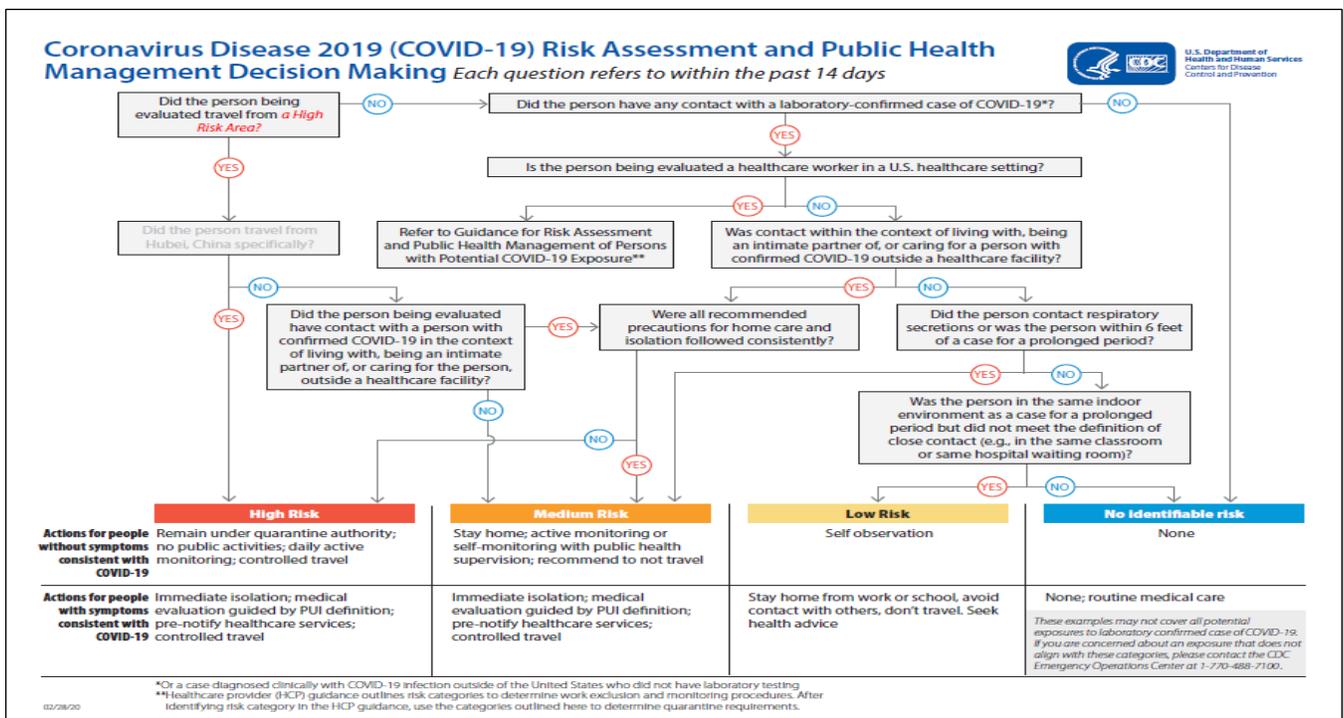
still maintain the recommended social distancing. Have "Capacity" posted.

d. Consider holding daily meetings at an outside location where trades can maintain separation.

e. For projects without the room or having larger work force, breaks and lunches may have to be staggered or workers need to eat in their vehicles.

5. Once the project has resumed, identify the project's Safety Representative who will be responsible for completing the daily COVID19 Safe Checklist to validate the required processes are being implemented or if there are gaps that still need addressing.

Reference: CDC Risk Assessment and management decision making chart.



This document is not intended to be or should be considered as Legal advice and is a computation of best practices identified for the construction industry by:

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Some practices may not apply to every project or site and this plan may need to be amended.