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This document is intended for employers, workers and customers/participants in construction, as an overview of potential hazards in the workplace due to COVID-19.

In all cases, guidance from local public health authorities must be followed and general COVID-19 prevention practices should be implemented, as outlined in:

www.ccohs.ca/pdfs/covid-general.pdf

On-site Sanitation

- Provide access to hand washing stations (even if it is a spouted water container, catch bucket for water, soap, and paper towels) or provide hand sanitizer. If hands are visibly dirty, they must be washed with soap and water.
- Clean offices, washrooms, lunch/break rooms and/or trailers, and other workspaces every day. Focus on commonly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, handles, handrails, tables, chairs, pens, tools, radios, vending machines, and kitchen equipment.
- Regularly clean shared tools, phones, and other devices with alcohol or disinfectant wipes.
- Assign one driver per vehicle, or clean shared vehicles between driver changes.

Site Management

- Minimize the number of workers at one time on-site. Stagger trades and their work locations, meetings, breaks, tool cribs, safety toolbox talks, and orientations.
- Ask everyone to check in. Do not allow people on-site if they are sick or might be sick.
- Minimize contact during sign-in. Have the supervisor sign in for people (or provide separate pens), or have people text the supervisor. Clean any sign-in devices between users.
- Submit hazard assessments and documents electronically, or wash hands after handling papers.
- Control site movement to reduce gathering at scaffolds, hoists, washrooms and other high traffic areas.
- Designate travel paths so workers do not have to pass each other closely (e.g., one set of stairs for up, another for down) or have workers call out before entering a shared space.
- Hold meetings in an outside or large space to allow for physical distancing of at least 2 metres (6 feet) between people.
- Hold verbal orientations to avoid touching papers.

Crew Management

- Maintain physical distancing, unless otherwise unsafe to do so. If certain tasks prevent physical distancing, conduct a risk assessment to determine what controls to implement to keep workers safe.
- Keep crews together so that they are comfortable working in closer proximity when absolutely necessary.
- Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) such as a respirator, face shield, gloves, and long-sleeved shirts, if appropriate and available. Train workers on how to work with and care for PPE, and to understand its limitations.
- Discuss with crews how to perform work safely while maintaining distance. Modify production schedules if necessary.
- Make sure workers are trained to work safely before replacing the duties of others.
- Consider multiple shifts to help keep distance between workers and to accommodate those with caregiving needs.
- Make sure workers on-site have the necessary skills and training to operate equipment, perform first aid, supervise, etc.



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Provide mental health support to all workers, including access to an employee assistance program (EAP) if available.



This guidance was developed with assistance from the Alberta Construction Association <http://albertaconstruction.net/>

For further information on COVID-19, refer to the Public Health Agency of Canada <https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus>

Note that this guidance is just some of the adjustments organizations can make during a pandemic. Adapt this list by adding your own good practices and policies to meet your organization's specific needs.

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