

Construction Jobsite

Construction projects typically require nearly everyone involved to be on-site, either to perform their job or to check that work is done correctly. While some jurisdictions have shut down construction projects, there are many construction projects still underway, if allowed by state and local authorities.

Allied World has developed a list of guidelines as it relates to the spread and/or transmission of COVID-19. Contractors should continually evaluate the specific jobsite hazards along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations to determine the most appropriate best practices as it relates to this virus.

- Communicate key CDC recommendations and post signage to staff and tradespeople.
- Establish formal jobsite access protocols for employees that are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, have tested positive for the virus or have come in close contact with an individual who has tested positive.
- 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 multiple locations within the workplace; ensure adequate supplies are maintained.
- Do not congregate in lunch areas.
- Do not share tools.
- Do not share personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Sanitize reusable PPE per manufacturer's recommendation prior to each use.
- Ensure used PPE is disposed of properly.
- 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 of work 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.
- Do not stack trades if possible.
- Utilize disposable hand towels and touchless 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.

RESOURCES

Associated General Contractors of America
[COVID-19 Updates](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
[COVID-19 - How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)
[COVID-19 - If You Are Sick or Caring for Someone](#)

CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training
[COVID-19 Resources](#)

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