

COVID-19 Guidance for Construction Workers

OSHA is committed to protecting the health and safety of America's workers and workplaces during the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency is issuing a series of industry-specific alerts designed to help employers keep workers safe.

Take the following steps to reduce risk of exposure to the coronavirus for construction workers:

- Instruct sick workers to stay home.
- Implement physical distancing practices to maintain at least six feet between co-workers/contractors/visitors, including while inside work trailers.
- Keep in-person meetings (including toolbox talks and safety meetings) as short as possible, and limit the number of workers in attendance.
- Provide and have all workers wear face coverings (i.e., cloth face coverings or surgical masks) that have at least two layers of tightly woven breathable fabric, unless their work task requires a respirator. Face coverings should be provided at no cost to workers.
- Continue to use other normal control measures, including personal protective equipment (PPE), necessary to protect workers from other job hazards associated with construction activities.
- Provide and ensure workers use the supplies necessary for good hygiene practices. If workers do not have immediate access to soap and water, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60 percent ethanol or 70% isopropanol.
- Do not allow workers to share tools and equipment. If sharing cannot be eliminated, clean and disinfect between each use.
- Clean and disinfect portable jobsite toilets and fill hand sanitizer dispensers regularly.
- Train workers on COVID-19 policies and procedures in a language they understand.
- Ensure policies encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

For the latest guidance and other resources on protecting workers from coronavirus, visit [OSHA's Protecting Workers Guidance](#).

OSHA issues alerts to draw attention to worker safety and health issues and solutions.