



Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures for Construction

Effective March 25, 2020

On Wednesday, March 25, Governor Baker's office released guidelines and procedures intended to control the spread of COVID-19 among construction personnel. These guidelines and procedures are mandatory for all public works projects. The Baker Administration "encourages all cities and towns to issue similar requirements for construction projects undertaken by private owners." Some of the highlights include:

- A site-specific COVID-19 Officer shall be designated for every site. The COVID-19 Officer shall submit a written daily report that certifies compliance by all contractors.
- Zero tolerance for sick workers reporting to work. Employees are required to stay home if experiencing covid-19 symptoms, and shall be sent home if they show symptoms at work. Typical symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, and sore throat.
- Prior to starting a shift, each employee will self-certify to their supervisor that they:
 - Have no symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Have not had "close contact" (as defined by the CDC) with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.
 - Have not been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by their doctor or public health official.
- Workers that are working in a confined space or inside a closed building envelope will have to be temperature screened by a medical professional or trained individual, provided that such screening is out of public view to respect privacy; results shall be kept private.
- Gloves are required 100%. Wash hands often.
- Each jobsite shall have laminated COVID-19 safety guidelines and handwashing instructions.
- Cleaning and decontamination procedures must be posted and shared. All offices, common areas, and meeting areas shall be cleaned daily, preferably twice a day.
- Social distancing guidelines will be followed to the maximum extent feasible. For tasks where employees need to work within 6' of each other, PPE to prevent disease transmission (face mask, gloves, and eye protection) shall be worn.
- Access to field offices is restricted to authorized personnel.
- Meetings shall be held by conference call or web meeting if possible. In person crew meetings and toolbox talks shall be held with no more than 10 personnel at a time, and social distancing requirements (6' clearance) shall be followed.