



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARTIN J. WALSH

May 5, 2020

To All Interested/Affected Parties:

Due to the public health emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the City of Boston has implemented new protocols for construction work in Boston. As of April 27, all construction sites that are allowed to operate have been required to submit a COVID-19 Safety Plan and a signed COVID-19 Safety Affidavit. This effectiveness of, and compliance with the policy will continue to be evaluated as the City looks to broaden its categories of allowed construction work to further align with the Commonwealth.

Now that the COVID-19 Safety Policy for Construction has been implemented, and current construction is in compliance with the new mandate[s], the City will incrementally expand its categories of allowed construction to further align with the broader categories of construction defined as essential by the State.

The City of Boston will be taking an incremental approach to broadening the allowable categories. Key dates are described below. **The City of Boston reserves the right to to modify and/or adjust allowable work or implementation dates based upon public health, safety or capacity to issue permits, conduct inspections, and coordinate work consistent with the City's COVID-19 safety policies. At no time will the City of Boston permit any construction beyond what is allowed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as an essential construction project.**

- **May 5, 2020** - Essential construction projects with approved safety plans and signed affidavits filed with the appropriate regulatory agencies will be authorized to prepare the site with project-specific COVID-19 safety measures.
- **May 18, 2020** - The City of Boston will allow essential construction project on sites that meet the following criteria: (1) Projects are permitted, in compliance and have filed a Covid-19 Safety plan and a signed affidavit; (2) Project sites are sufficiently prepared to adhere to all criteria of their safety plan; and (3) the work is for hospitals, public schools, residential buildings [1-3 units], road and utility work, or other outdoor/open air-work such as steel erection, roofing and constructing foundations.
- **May 26, 2020** - The City of Boston will allow all essential construction projects to re-commence construction activities in adherence to their safety plans. This incremental approach will provide the time necessary to allow complex, large-scale development an opportunity to educate their workforce, safely remobilize and implement their site-specific Safety Plan.

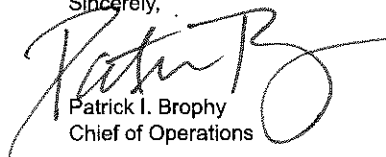
Enforcement: The Department of Public Works and Inspectional Services Department inspectors shall continue to monitor and enforce the Covid-19 Safety Plans for Construction. In accordance with the signed affidavit, Contractors acknowledge and agree that non-compliance with any requirements, including failure to abide by its own COVID-19 Safety Plan, may result in suspension or termination of work in progress or revocation of the City's permit for such work.

Safety & Worker Protection: As essential construction activities commence, the City will continue to focus on the health and well-being of Boston residents, worker protections and the safety of Boston construction sites. To further ensure safety of essential work, Mayor Martin J. Walsh has partnered with the Tufts Medical Center to provide testing services for the industry at the Tufts COVID-19 Screening Clinic at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School located at 885 Washington Street in Chinatown. The site is located at the intersection of Washington Street and Marginal Road next to the Tufts/New England Medical Center Orange Line MBTA station.

Additional Information: To access updated safety plan and permit submission protocol, and associated reference documents, please visit the City's website for guidance for construction in Boston.

Thank you for your partnership during this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the respective regulatory agencies. For building-related inquiries, please feel free to contact the Inspectional Services Department at 617.635.5300, for street-related work, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Works at 617.635.4900.

Sincerely,



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