

City of Boston Return to Work Guidance

Covid-19 Safety Requirements

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City of Boston Goal: For the health & Safety of workers, their families and our communities. Applicable to emergency construction now and all construction when it restarts. All must adhere to Covid-19 best practices during this public health emergency.

New Requirements:

To achieve this goal, there will be two new requirements for all permitted construction jobs:

1. Covid-19 Safety Plan: Every contractor will be required to provide the City this document when applying for a permit. If a job is already permitted, contractors must provide by April 25th or before work starts.
2. Covid-19 Safety Affidavit: Every contractor will be required to provide the City this document when applying for a permit. If a job is already permitted, contractors must provide by April 25th or before work starts.

Safety Plan Worksheet: This is a sample document of CDC, State and industry best practices for Covid-19 safety plans. It's meant to help contractors draft their plans. It doesn't need to be provided to the City.

Six Key Elements of a Covid-19 Safety Plan

1. Steps taken before shifts start to ensure workers are healthy. This includes screening for symptom, managing deliveries, and having protocols for how your team travels to and from the job site.
2. Practices to ensure social distancing can be achieved on the job site. Examples include open air jobs, safety meetings and having spacing and capacity protocols for the use of elevators.
3. Materials provided to ensure job site hygiene. Includes access to hot water, hand sanitizer stations, sufficient clean restrooms, and good trash management protocols.
4. Protocols for the use of PPE. Workers have gloves, masks, face shields and other PPE they may require.
5. Communications and training practices to ensure everyone is informed. Includes job safety meeting specific to Covid-19 and appropriate signage placed throughout the site.
6. Procedures in case there is Covid-19 on the job site. Includes protocols regarding notification, cleaning, quarantining, tracing, and returning to work

City of Boston Timeline:

April 22nd: Questions and suggestions due to the City of Boston
(submit to construction@boston.gov)

April 25th: Policy finalized

April 27th: Policy implemented for emergency work

To Be Determined: Announcement of return to work; sites begin prepping

+2 weeks: certain building and road work can start

+1 week: all construction can commence