

COVID-19 TOOLBOX TALK #2

Keeping Construction Jobsites Safe During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Protecting yourself from the spread of COVID-19 is just as important on the jobsite as it is at home. Due to the highly contagious nature of the virus, it's important that everyone on the jobsite does their/our part to ensure that we are protecting ourselves, our co-workers and in turn, our families and the general public. Preventing the spread of COVID-19 starts before we all reach the jobsite and throughout our time on the jobsite.

How can we work together to keep our jobsite safe?

- Stay home if you are sick. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms – fever, coughing or shortness of breath – seek medical attention and notify your supervisor or manager.
- If you experience any of the following symptoms – fever, coughing or shortness of breath – while on the jobsite, notify your supervisor or manager. You will be asked to leave the jobsite and seek medical attention.
- Cover sneezes and coughs with a tissue or your elbow; throw tissue in trash after use.
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for twenty (20) seconds. If running water is unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and/or wipes with at least 60% alcohol content.
- Clean and disinfect break/lunch areas, shared hand and power tools and machinery and equipment controls after use.
- Frequently clean and disinfect jobsite trailers and any other high touch surfaces (i.e. doorknobs and handles, push plates, keyboards, etc.).
- Practice social distancing. Avoid standing or working within 6 feet of anyone on the jobsite, if possible.
- Wear cloth face coverings in settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as tasks that require close contact with others. Cloth face coverings should be made according to CDC guidelines.¹ **Cloth face coverings are NOT a substitute for social distancing.**
- Conduct meetings in small groups, ten (10) people or less, and outdoors, if possible.
- Stagger breaks and lunches, if possible or necessary, to limit the size of any group at any one time to ten (10) people or less.
- Don't use common sources of drinking water or share cups or bottles.
- Minimize ridesharing. But, if you do have to share a vehicle, ensure adequate ventilation and properly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces on the interior after transport.
- Let us know if our COVID-19 policies are not being implemented and/or enforced. But, also let us know if, and how, the policy can be improved.

By following these tips, we ALL can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and continue to work safely which will benefit you, your co-workers, family and the general public.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>