

Construction Re-start Guidelines

According to guidelines issued by Governor Inslee, the construction industry has been allowed to resume limited operations. It is important to note that this applies ONLY to construction that was underway before the issuance of the Stay Home Stay Safe order. NO NEW PERMITS ARE ALLOWED TO BE ISSUED under this guideline.

For the actual document with links for questions you may have, please visit <https://www.lni.wa.gov/safety-health/safety-rules/enforcement-policies/DD170.pdf> and <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Coronavirus/workplace> for more information.

As we begin the restart of existing construction projects, the following is a summary of the Governor's requirements for each job site.

1. Develop and post a site specific COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan.
2. A COVID-19 training must take place on-site before beginning work and weekly thereafter explaining protective measures and social distancing.
3. Attendance must be recorded in writing for each meeting.
4. COVID-19 safety requirements shall be posted on the site.
5. Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained at all times.
6. Lunch and break times should be staggered to prevent gathering.
7. When practical, only one sub-contractor should be on site at a time.
8. Ensure social distancing with deliveries.
9. If more than one sub-contractor is necessary at a time, maintain social distancing.
10. Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as gloves, face masks, goggles as appropriate or required.
11. Masks, in accordance with WA Dept. of Health guidelines, or as required by L & I safety rules, must be worn at all times by every employee on site.
12. Eye protection must be worn by at all times by every employee on the site.
13. Gloves, appropriate for each task must be worn at all times by every employee.
14. If appropriate PPE is not provided, the work site must be shut down.
15. Soap and water shall be provided for handwashing.
16. If running water is not available, portable washing stations are required. hand sanitizer with greater than 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol can also be used, but do not replace the water requirement.
17. Post hygiene requirement in highly visible areas.
18. Make disinfectant cleaning supplies available and keep them stocked.
19. Frequently clean high-touch surfaces. If they can't be cleaned the job site will be shut down until frequent cleaning can be achieved.
20. When the site is an occupied home, works shall sanitize the area upon arrival, frequently during the day, and before leaving. Social distancing requirement from the occupants shall be 10 feet in these cases.
21. If you get sick, go home and sanitize the workers area.
22. Encourage ill workers to stay home.
23. Inform employers if a housemate becomes ill with COVID-19, and quarantine as directed.
24. Record each workers temperature and ask if they feel healthy. Any worker with a temperature of 100.4 or higher must be sent home.

25. Report any symptoms of COVID-19 to your supervisor and go home immediately.
26. Failure of employees to follow these rules will result in employee being sent home during the emergency actions. (stay home order)
27. If you do not feel like a job site is safe, you shall be allowed to leave the site and employers must follow the expanded Family and Medical Leave requirements.
28. Any worker coming from a state that does not border Washington must self-quarantine for 14 days before working on site.
29. If a worker is confirmed to have COVID-19, the employer should inform the rest of the crew, but maintain ADA confidentiality requirements.
30. A daily attendance log of all workers and visitors to the site must be maintained and kept for at least 4 weeks. Must include name, phone number and email address of all workers and visitors.