

SAFELY REOPEN YOUR BUSINESS AFTER COVID-19

Contracting and Construction Operations

Businesses are starting to reopen, and they're doing so with the safety of their employees and customers in mind. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 is expected to remain a public health threat. Community containment has helped to slow the spread of this disease throughout the country, and we will need to continue to focus on these efforts. As our country slowly reinstates parts of the workforce, critical strategies need to be considered in anticipation of returning to business operations.



Facts

- » COVID-19 is spread mainly from person to person.
- » Increased chance of transmission when within 6 feet of an infected individual.
- » Spread through respiratory droplets produced from coughs, sneezes, or talking.
- » Respiratory droplets can be inhaled into lungs or land in mouths and noses.
- » COVID-19 can be spread by people showing no symptoms.



Exposures

- » Contact with customers in customer homes and showrooms.
- » Contact with co-workers or other contractors on jobsites.
- » Contact with materials and supplies.



What you can do on the job to stop the spread

- » Conduct virtual meetings whenever possible.
- » If going to a customer home, ask customer to wear a mask for your arrival and ask if anyone in the home has shown signs of having COVID-19.
- » Avoid touching any unnecessary surfaces or entering any unnecessary areas of a home or jobsite.
- » Wear a cloth face mask to cover nose and mouth at all times on the job.
- » If possible, set up your workspace in a separate area to allow for distancing.
- » Use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% -70% alcohol concentrations or properly clean hands as soon as leaving a job.
- » Maintain a minimum of 6 feet away from co-workers and other contractors on the jobsite, including during breaks.



Working around other employees

- » Wear cloth masks to cover nose and mouth when in contact with others.
- » When possible wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- » If soap and water is not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% -70% alcohol concentrations.
- » Maintain social distancing with others by staying a minimum of 6 feet apart whenever possible.
- » Continue the use of jobsite specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required for protection from jobsite hazards and exposures.
- » Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- » Consider temperature checks for employees when arriving for work. If temperatures are elevated, send the employee home. Employees should report any and all health and safety concerns.
- » Limit the amount of time allotted for safety meetings and Toolbox Talks as well as the number of attendees. Maintain minimum distance of 6 feet between attendees.



Clean and disinfect

- » Use alcohol-based sanitizing wipes to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects/surfaces in offices and at jobsites, including trailers, tools/equipment, and vehicles such as door handles, arm rests, steering wheel, gear shift, etc.
- » Always check the warning labels prior to using disinfectants and wear the appropriate gloves when cleaning and disinfecting as well as any other Personal Protective Equipment that may be required.
- » If tools and/or equipment need to be shared, provide alcohol-based wipes and instruct employees to clean/sanitize them before and after each use. Consult the manufacturer's recommendations for proper cleaning and for any type of restrictions on cleaning procedures or cleaning products.
- » All portable jobsite toilets should be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis. This includes interior and exterior door pulls, door locking mechanisms, and toilet seats.
- » Hand sanitizers containing at least 60% -70% alcohol concentrations should be readily available and re-filled on a regular.