In response to the construction industry’s questions regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, the following are steps everyone should be taking now:

- Don’t go to work if you are feeling sick.
- Don’t shake hands when greeting others.
- Avoid large gatherings or meetings.
- Try to stay six feet away from others on jobsites and in gatherings, meetings, and training sessions.
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissues if you cough or sneeze or do so into your elbow.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
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- Clean your hands often by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty.
- It is especially important to clean hands after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.

Construction industry employers should also:

- Plan for office staff to have the ability to work from home.
- Provide soap and running water on all jobsites for frequent handwashing.
- Provide hand sanitizer when soap and running water are impossible.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces on jobsites and in offices per CDC guidelines:
- If you work in healthcare facilities, train your workers in Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA). For information on CPWR’s ICRA training program, visit:

Special guidance for older Americans and people with underlying health conditions:

- Older adults and those with underlying health conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease are more at risk of becoming very sick from COVID-19. CDC has additional recommendations for these individuals here:

Additional links from our federal government partners:
From OSHA: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/
From NIOSH: https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/2019_ncov.html
From CDC for Employers about getting their businesses ready: