

COVID and Construction Sector Council Workgroup

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WG Charge: Discuss and respond to questions (below) on reopening, identify any key CON areas/jobs/tasks in need of extended guidance, identify and review materials that should be included in populating the NCC Construction COVID-19 Clearinghouse Website

- Innovative approaches to reducing risk (establishing distance or reducing hand contact) that might be generally applicable to Construction
- Experiences/challenges encountered with social distancing, hand washing, surface cleaning/disinfection, taking temperatures, and mask/respirator use/availability
- Approaches to reduce infections in businesses that have been evaluated or shown to be effective
- Elements to include in an COVID-19 operational plan to address this pandemic
- Information resources from others (trade groups, government, partners) that have been helpful for reducing the risk of infection in the construction industry.
- Challenging issues that have come up related to return to work/reopening
- Experience using testing in the workplace (e.g., return to work or workplace monitoring)
- Experience with contact tracing in the workplace
- Role of personal protective equipment (including respirators, gloves, face shields) in business reopening; approaches taken during reopening process if PPE shortage exists
- Increase in absenteeism due to COVID-19 upon return to work/reopening
- What are the minimum qualifications/training requirements for COVID-19 Safety Officers?
- What are the main elements of a COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan?

- What should a worksite COVID-19 hazard/risk assessment consist of?
- What content of COVID-19 training should be provided to workers?
- Which procedures are used for screening workers at entry to job sites?
- What innovative approaches have been identified to provide hand washing facilities?
- What requirements exist for break rooms, changing rooms, eating facilities, etc.?
- How are “choke points” defined, where workers can come in close contact (hoists, elevators, corridors, etc.), and how should they be managed?
- What respiratory protection should be required?
- Are photos or videos available of good practices identified (and bad practices, too)?
- What types of training are being provided to different trades, skills, etc?
- Have many checklist or guides been developed for assessing COVID-19 related hazards/risks on different types of job sites?
- Are there many construction jobs/tasks that fit the description in the slide below that require more guidance? Which ones are most concerning?

Predictors of industries with increased COVID-19 risks associated with return to work

- Density/closeness of employees during work activities
- Density/closeness of employees and customers during work
- Number/duration of close interactions with people during work
- Number/duration of close interactions with members of the public (i.e. customers, clients, students)
- Access to paid sick leave
- Use of mass transit/carpooling (vs transit to work by themselves)
- Employee housing situation: shared/group housing (vs individual housing)