

CPWR-NIOSH COVID-19 Webinar Series:



Responding to COVID-19 on the Job Site – News from the Oregon COVID-19 Joint Construction Safety Task Force

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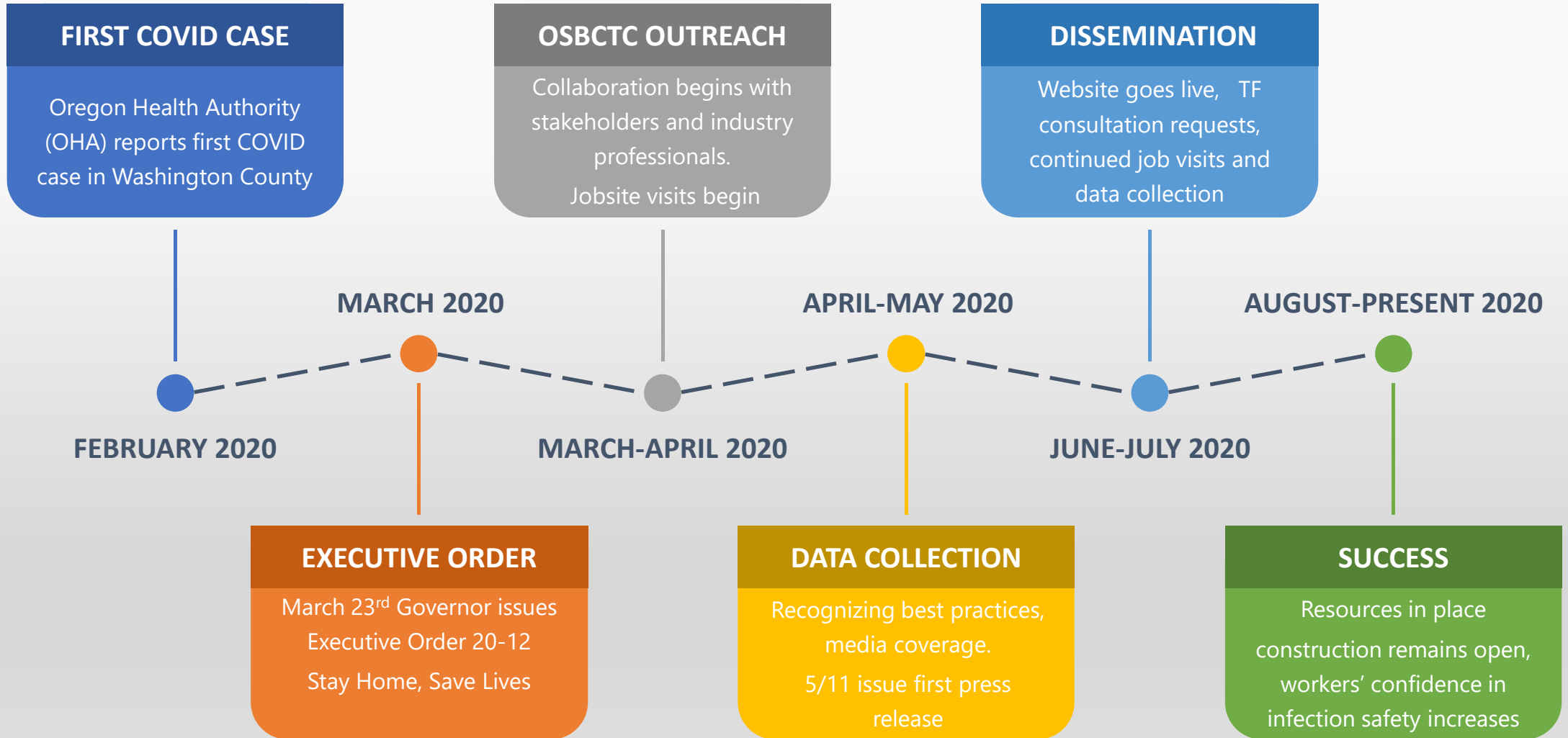


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COVID-19 TASK FORCE TIMELINE

From Inception To Successful Implementation





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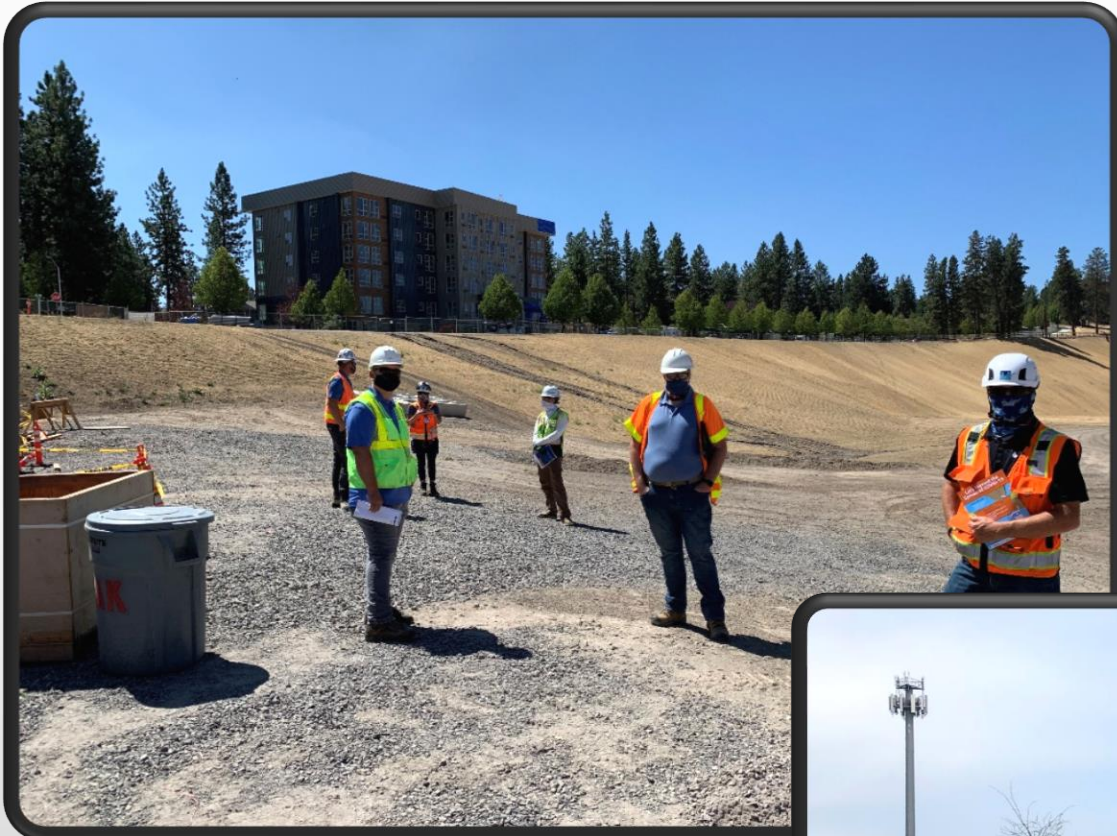
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TASK FORCE CHECKLIST

What is the procedure for monitoring CDC guidelines and updating the jobsite policy? (Check all that apply)

- Safety Officer(s)/Representative(s) monitors daily
- Contractor(s) monitor daily
- Training revised regularly
- Other _____

How is social distance maintained during trainings and other meetings?
(Check all that apply)

- Stagger workers attending
- Limit the number of workers participating at one time
- Sign-in sheets are not passed around
- Other _____

TASK FORCE CHECKLIST *continued*

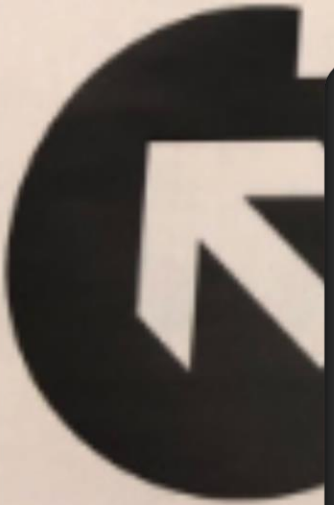
How is social distance maintained during work activities? (Check all that apply)

- Stagger workers and trades working in the same work areas
- Limit the number of workers in each work area
- Other _____

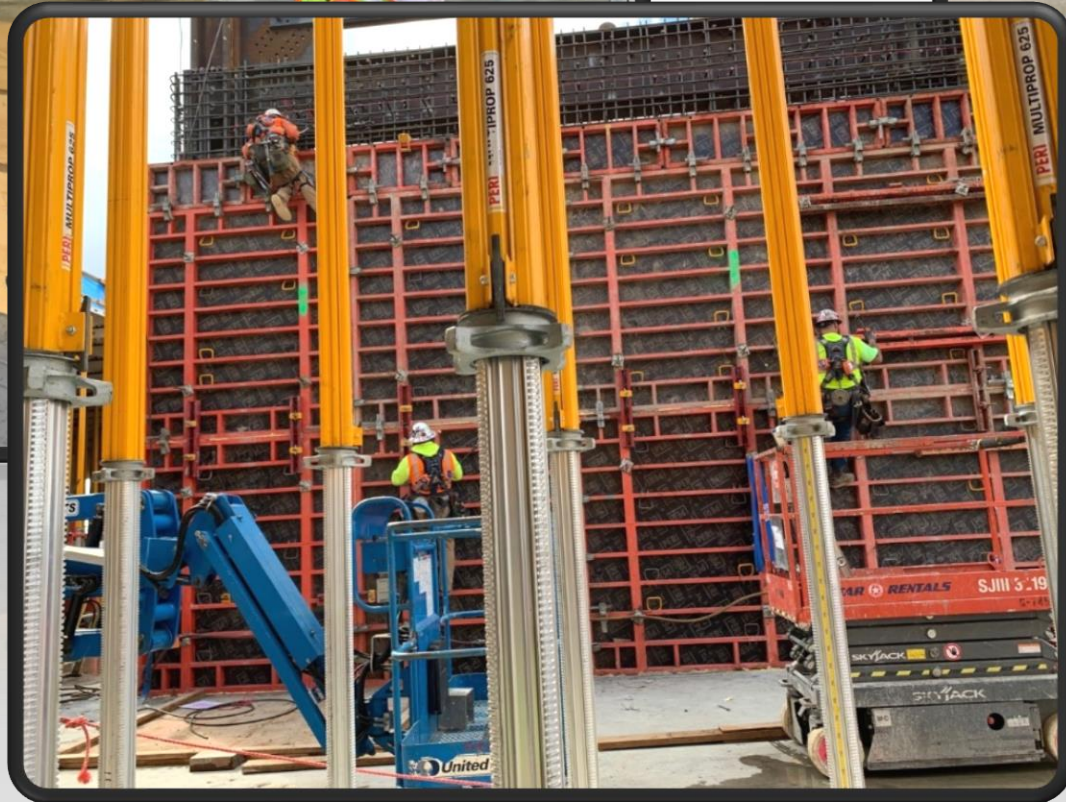
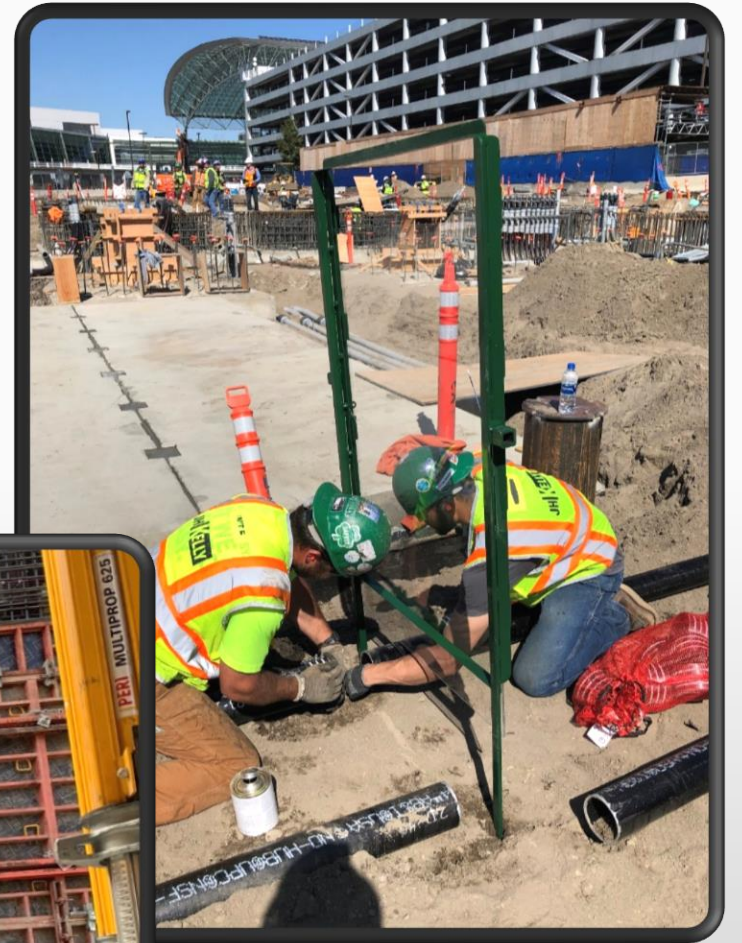
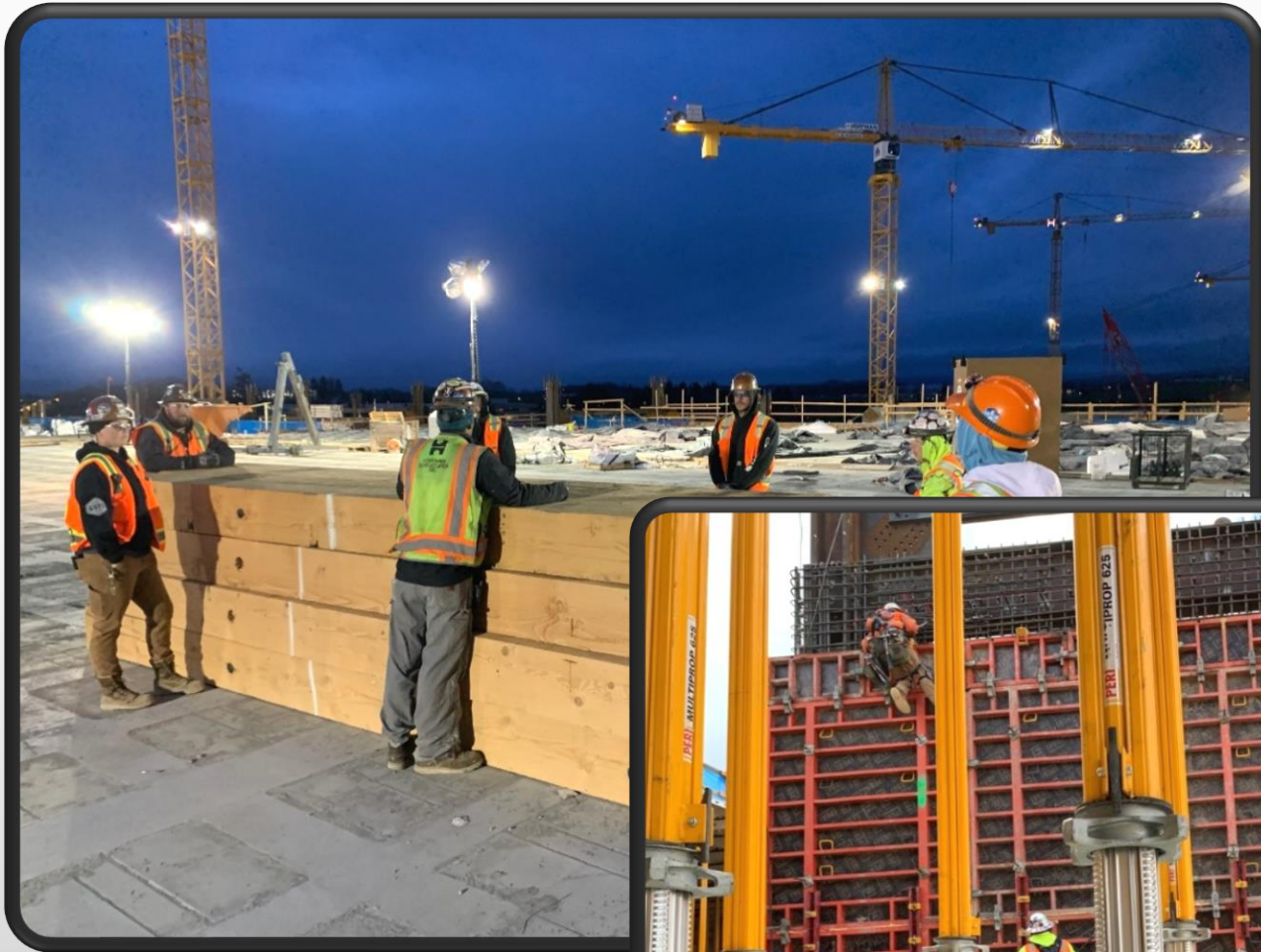
How is communication and training on COVID-19 safety conducted with subcontractor foremen and project managers? (Check all that apply)

- In person
- Handouts
- Website
- Other _____

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Where did we go?

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Schools

Multi-dwelling

Public buildings

Road infrastructure

Hospital

Stadium

Power plant

Data center

LOCATIONS

Seaside

Portland

Lake Oswego

Hillsboro

Happy Valley

Salem

Albany

Eugene

The Dalles

Boardman

Bend

Prineville

Umatilla

Oregon City

Vancouver, WA



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Public Health

WC Insurers

Employee Advocates

Associations (ASSP, AIHA,
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Federal (NIOSH, CDC, OSHA)

Task Force Members

- Associated General Contractors-Oregon Columbia Chapter
- Central Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council
- Columbia-Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council
- Hoffman Construction Company
- Lane, Coos, Curry, Douglas Building & Construction Trades Council
- NECA-IBEW Electrical Training Center
- O'Neill Construction Group
- Oregon Home Builders Association
- Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, OHSU
- Oregon OSHA
- Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council
- Oregon Tradeswomen
- Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters
- Pendleton Building Trades Council
- Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association
- Salem Building and Construction Trades Council
- Southern Oregon Building and Construction Trades Council
- University of Oregon Labor Education and Research Center, LERC Worksystems



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Oregon COVID-19 Construction Task Force Resources



Using physical distancing on construction site.

Oregon COVID-19 Construction Task Force

The task force is a partnership of union and non-union industry professionals, with support from Oregon OSHA. The group meets twice a week to monitor health information and government guidelines, and to collect data and information. It will continue to coordinate job site visits as long as Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's "Stay Home, Save Lives" executive order is in place.

The Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences has offered to share the Task Force resources, best practices and innovations on this webpage as a way to enhance their sharing, and to further the work of this Task Force.

Task Force Members



Access at:

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Or

<https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/oregon-covid-19-construction-task-force-resources>

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Better Practices and Innovations Observed in Oregon (updated 9/19/2020)

This webpage shares current better practices and innovations. As this is a changing topic and we continue to learn more about both COVID-19 and accepted practices, and updates will be added. While these tips and ideas come from Oregon employers and workplaces, operations in other locations will likely find them useful. [Download](#)  better practices and innovations listed below as a PDF (updated 9/19/20).

[Administrative Practices](#)



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[Physical Distancing](#)



[Follow Hierarchy of Controls](#)



[When 6 feet distancing is not possible](#)



[Walkways - Stairs - Pinch Points](#)



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[Other Controls](#)





[Low Cost Ideas](#)



Administrative Practices

- QR code required to get on site (for screening and also for contact tracing) (9/4/20)
- Educate employees and management on the hierarchy of controls to control potential exposure.
- Have someone in each crew ensuring that physical distancing is maintained.
- Include COVID-19 as a job hazard with the Job Hazard Analysis.
- Include updated graphics in educational information so workers can see updated relevant information. Cite sources in all health and policy-based information to enhance credibility. (added 7/20/2020)
- Visible signage at site entrances explaining COVID-19 requirements, emphasizing 6' Social Distancing (SD), types of masks needed (if any).
- Post entry sign with phone number of site contacts so anyone needing access can be evaluated and tracked. (added: 7/20/2020)
- Provide bilingual postings. (added 7/20/20)
- Roll call instead of manual sign in.
- Require all workers to watch COVID-19 Safety video
- Provide safety video that encourages employees to speak up, and not to follow the crowd.
- Temperature checks before workers enter jobsite.
- Do not allow any visitors onto site without going through full screening.
- Medically trained employees perform temperature checks with cloth masks and face shields.
- Temperature checks done in trailer with one-way in and one-way out to streamline process and add privacy.
- Standing sideways to each other when taking temperatures, so not breathing toward each other, if thermometer manufactur

Press and Other Oregon Resources

- **NEW! AIHA Focus on Construction Health: COVID-19 Guidance Document**  by the American Industrial Hygiene Association, August 18, 2020
- **NEW! Oregon Construction Task Force Tip Sheet: 4 Keys to Prevent COVID-19** , August 4, 2020.
- **NECA-IBEW Assist COVID-19 Joint Construction Safety Task Force to Identify Best Work Practices & Educate Public**, June 10, 2020
- **COVID-19 Jobsite Checklist**
Developed by Oregon State Building Trades Council.
- **Oregon construction safety task force seeks to protect crews amid COVID-19**
Arielle Brumfield, KTVZ news source, May 11, 2020
- **Construction safety guidelines being developed**
Daily Journal of Commerce Oregon by Josh Kulia, April 29, 2020
- **Physical distancing in construction: what's that look like?**
Oregon and the Workplace blog by Dede Montgomery, May 6, 2020
- **COVID-19 and Oregon OSHA Resource Page**
"First and foremost, employers do need to understand that, even in unusual times like this, employees are still exposed to hazards and it is still the employers' responsibility to ensure that their employees are adequately protected from those hazards."
- **Coronavirus necessitates changes at construction sites**
Pamplin Business Tribune by Melody Finnemore, May 26, 2020

WHAT DID WE ACCOMPLISH?

With collaboration and teamwork...

- Educated contractors and workers
- Helped slow the spread of Covid-19
- Kept construction open and safe
- Potential impact on Oregon's economy

With shared interest, we made a difference !

QUESTIONS?

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