



Roadmap to Recovery: Construction Industry Protocol & Recommendations

FACE COVERINGS: All industries must:

- Require their employees, contractors, owners, and volunteers to wear a face covering at the workplace and when performing work off-site;
- Inform customers about wearing a face covering, post signs, and advise those in line or in the store;
- Take reasonable steps to keep people not wearing a face covering from entering their business, and
- Refuse service to anyone not wearing a face covering.
- Exceptions: (1) a medical professional has advised against wearing a face covering for health-related reasons; or (2) wearing a face covering would create a risk to staff related to their work. (3) someone has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance; or (4) children 2 years or younger. Children 2 – 12 years old are encouraged to wear a mask with adult supervision. Children 13 and older must wear a mask.
- For detailed information, visit: <https://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap>.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: All industries must utilize social distancing measures (of at least 6 feet), as well as in common spaces, such as breakrooms, meeting rooms, etc.

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Construction Protocol

BACKGROUND

The State of California Public Health Officer's "Essential Workforce" list includes the following worker definition for the general construction industry: "Construction workers who support the construction, operation, inspection, and maintenance of construction sites and construction projects (including housing, commercial, and mixed-use construction); and workers who support the supply chain of building materials from production through application/installation." The same language is incorporated into the Shelter in Place Order issued by the Yolo County Health Officer.

PROTOCOLS

- Any staff able to work remotely to support construction projects (e.g., office staff, bookkeepers, estimators, etc.) should be required to do so, to the fullest extent possible.
- Post a notice, in areas visible to all workers, containing required social distancing practices (i.e., 6-foot separation, wearing a face covering when not working) and other measures described herein. The notice must be translated as necessary to ensure that all non-English speaking workers are able to understand.

- If individuals from different households travel in a shared vehicle and are unable to maintain social distancing, face coverings should be worn.
- Maintain a daily attendance log of all jobsite workers and visitors.
- Workers should not use other workers' phones, desks, offices, office supplies, pens, work tools, equipment, and other items. If use is deemed necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use.
- Do not use a common water cooler. Encourage workers to bring their own water and/or supply individual, disposable water bottles.
- Place wash stations or hand sanitizers in multiple locations to encourage hand hygiene.
- Frequently clean and sanitize, in accordance with CDC guidelines, all high-traffic and high-touch areas.
- Workers should not share construction related protective equipment. Other shared equipment should be sanitized between uses, when possible.
- Designate a site-specific COVID-19 supervisor to enforce this guidance. The designated COVID-19 supervisor shall always be present on the construction site during construction activities. The COVID-19 supervisor can be an on-site worker who is designated to carry this role.

Additional suggestions for consideration:

- For larger projects, companies should assign workers to “teams” to limit interaction with the full staff.
- Establish cleaning and decontamination protocols prior to entry and exit of the jobsite and post the protocol at entrances and exits of jobsite.
- Stagger the trades as necessary to reduce density and maintain social distancing.
- Minimize interactions when picking up or delivering equipment or materials.
- Identify “choke points” and “high-risk areas” where workers are forced to stand together, such as hallways, hoists and elevators, break areas, and control them to maintain social distancing.

HOW WILL THIS BE ENFORCED?

Adherence to Construction Protocol may be monitored by the Chief Building Official (or designee) or Code Enforcement staff of the permitting jurisdiction.

RESOURCES

Yolo County

<https://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus>

<https://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-guidance>

<https://www.yolocounty.org/shelter-in-place>

<https://www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-roadmap>

State of California

<https://covid19.ca.gov/>

California Department of Public Health

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx#>

Other – Associated General Contractors of California

<http://www.agc-ca.org/uploadedFiles/CONSTRUCTION-JOBSITES%20%E2%80%93%20COVID-19-RECOMMENDED-PRACTICES.pdf>