

COVID-19 Basic Infection Prevention Measures

COVID-19, caused by a new coronavirus, is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The following infection prevention measures may help prevent transmission on construction job sites*.

- **NOTE: As of 3/27/2020 NYS Executive Order 202.6 requires that all non-essential construction (by business or non-profit) must shut down except emergency construction (e.g. a project necessary to protect health and safety of the occupants, or to continue a project if it would be unsafe to allow to remain undone until it is safe to shut the site).**
- **Essential construction may continue and includes roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities, hospitals or health care facilities, affordable housing, and homeless shelters. At every site, if essential or emergency non-essential construction, this includes maintaining social distance, including for purposes of elevators/meals/entry and exit. Sites that cannot maintain distance and safety best practices must close and enforcement will be provided by the state in coordination with the city/local governments. This will include fines of up to \$10,000 per violation.**
- **For purposes of this section construction work does not include a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site.**

	Stay home if you are sick. DO NOT WORK.
	Wash hands frequently or provide alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60% alcohol.
	Cover coughs and sneezes.
	Practice social distancing — try to maintain 6 feet between each worker.
	Reduce the size of work crews to the extent safely possible and LIMIT all in-person meetings.
	Minimize ride-sharing. While in vehicle, employees must ensure adequate ventilation.
	Avoid sharing tools with co-workers, if possible.
	Clean and disinfect frequently used tools, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces (door handles, handrails, machinery controls, cell phones, tablets) on a regular basis.
	If N95 respirator masks are not available, minimize dust and airborne contaminants by using engineering and work practice controls.
	Use proper personal protective equipment (PPE) when cleaning and disinfecting, such as gloves and eye protection.