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## COVID-19 PREVENTION PROCEDURES WHILE WORKING ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE

### Government Mandates

- Novembers update to public health order and re-open Saskatchewan plan saw the addition of mandatory masks in certain construction site situations. This will affect indoor places. Social distancing still applies.
- Follow all new updates given by the government of Saskatchewan
- More information at: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/re-open-saskatchewan-plan/restrictions>

### Hygiene Practices

- Clean your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds – before you eat and at the end of the workday, during the work shift whenever possible, and when you get home from work.
- Do not shake hands; avoid physical contact.
- Do not share food, drinks, cigarettes, personal hands tools.
- Do not touch your face, eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands (i.e., smoking, drinking water, eating, etc.)
- Follow good respiratory etiquette by covering your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue or the crease of your elbow when you sneeze or cough.
- Regularly clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and tools

### Project Orientations

- Limit the number of persons in the orientation – a chair spacing between workers. This may require hosting the video orientation sessions more often. **Where practical, move orientation outdoors and conduct a verbal orientation – reinforce social distancing.**
- Use the Government of Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool questions to verify that workers are not feeling sick and so they are aware of what the symptoms are so they can self-monitor.
- Disinfect used pens, tables, chairs, etc. after each orientation.
- As part of the verbal orientation, discuss:
  - social distancing of 2 meters
  - hygiene, and location of hand washing and hand sanitization stations.
  - what the company is doing at the site to promote a safe workplace and remind them that their health is important to us.
  - Where the Safety posters are located.
  - the importance of reporting to their supervisor if they are feeling unwell and leaving the project.

### Health Verification of Visitors Prior to site Access

- Question all site visitors on the current status of their health – use Government of Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool questions.

### Health Verification of Workers

- At start of shift, Supervisor to confirm the health status of contractor workers through discussion with Contractor supervisor and notify HSE Manager of any issues. Document issues.
- Supervisor, each day, to ask for updates of workers that have left the site for self-isolation. Document changes.
- At end of shift, Supervisor to confirm the health status of contractor workers through discussion with Contractor supervisor and notify HSE Manager of any issues.
- Use the Government of Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool. Document any issues.

### Receive and Review Contractor COVID-19 Plan

- How is their plan being applied to their Subcontractors?

### Hoist Operations

- Outside the hoist: Post signage and remind the workers to maintain social distancing 1.8 M (6ft) while they are waiting to enter the hoist.
- Inside the hoist: Maintain social distancing (as best as possible) and reduce the number of passengers at any one time.
- Passengers to face the outside of the hoist to avoid being inside each other's breathing zone.
- The Operator has the option to wear an N95 mask.
- Provide the operator with disinfectant to routinely disinfect commonly touched items – call buttons, door handles, etc.

### Project Radios

- Disinfect radios at start of shift and regularly throughout the shift.

### Stairwells

- Avoid passing each other on the stairs. Wait on the landing until person has exited stairs.

### When wearing gloves

- Do not touch your face, eyes, or mouth
- Make sure that hands are washed thoroughly or disinfected with hand sanitizer as soon as possible after gloves are removed

### Meetings at Site

- Hold outside in open areas.

### Project Offices/Trailers

- Restrict Access. Place contact information (phone #) outside on door.
- Limit the number of workers or restrict who is allowed to enter these offices.
- Maintain the social distance requirements.
- Do not touch items – “keep your hands to yourself”.
- Do not share keyboard or mouse, pens, clipboards or documents.
- Disinfect commonly touched items like door handles, chairs, tables, etc.
- Handrails leading up to the trailer or office: Do not slide your hand down them. Routinely disinfect.

### Lunchroom

- Post signage to remind workers to wash or disinfect their hands before and after eating.
- Stagger coffee/lunch breaks to reduce the number of workers in the lunchroom at the same time.
- Maintain social distancing by staggering seating arrangement, or don't eat in the lunchroom
- Remove garbage often.
- Routinely disinfect the tables and other commonly handled items.
- Ensure sufficient fresh air supply to reduce “recirculating” the air inside the lunchroom. Set-up neg air if required.
- Separate PPE and clothing that is hung up in the lunchroom to avoid touching.
- If you have to take your spare work clothing home, place it in a plastic bag and do not take it out of the plastic bag until it goes into the laundry to be washed – ideally separately.

### Work locations

- Maintain social distancing between workers.
- Stagger work crews to reduce the number of people on site, if possible
- Where possible, reduce the number of partner workers.
- Don't mix workers on crews.

### Tools

- Avoid sharing tools or equipment.
- If you have to share equipment, clean and disinfect points of contact on the equipment. Example: on a shared extended work platform, before use wipe down controls, gate, guardrails and any other parts touched by hands. Disinfect it when you are done.

### First Aid Treatment

- First Aid Attendants to wear N95 mask or ½ mask respirator, face shield and medical gloves when treating workers.
- if conscious and capable of answering, ask the worker the Government of Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment tool questions to verify current status of their health.