



## **BLAINE COUNTY LAND USE & BUILDING SERVICES**

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### **COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND LIMITATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES AND TRADES OPERATING WITHIN BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO**

**INTENT:** The intent of these guidelines is to ensure that best practices are used in all construction, landscaping and trade work environments to eliminate the spread of COVID-19, and to assure safe and healthful working conditions for all employees.

**APPLICABILITY:** Effective 12:00 a.m., on April 20th, 2020, the following guidelines and limitations shall apply to all commercial and residential building and construction work sites and all individuals performing work such as, but not limited to, painting, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and landscaping work. The primary contractor shall be responsible for compliance by all individuals performing work on the job site or work location. Prior to resuming construction activity at any location, the primary contractor shall provide verbal or written confirmation to the County that the contractor, all sub-contractors and all individuals working on the job site have read the guidelines and agree to comply with the guidelines at all times while on the job site.

#### **CONSTRUCTION SITE AND WORKER GUIDELINES**

1. The owner/contractor shall designate a site specific COVID-19 supervisor to enforce these guidelines. The designated COVID-19 supervisor shall be present on the job site at all times while construction activities are taking place. The COVID-19 supervisor can be an on-site worker who is designated to carry this role. If there is no job site, the supervisor shall enforce the rules from the office, yard or workplace.
2. The job site shall have at least, soap and water stations and/or alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Adequate supplies shall be maintained at all times. Such stations shall be placed at the primary entrances to the building or job site, and elsewhere on the site as needed. For landscape companies and trades that do not have recurring job sites, all vehicles shall contain soap and water or alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, one of which shall be used upon entering and exiting the vehicle.
3. Individuals on the job site shall be instructed to clean their hands upon arrival and departure from the job site and to clean their hands often, especially if hands are visibly dirty.

4. All individuals on the job site shall be provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, face shields, or face coverings. All individuals shall wear such PPE, including face coverings, at all times while on the job site.
5. Individuals shall maintain a distance of six (6) feet from one another at all times on the job site, including, but not limited to, while eating lunch, taking breaks, and work consultations.
6. No more than one (1) individual shall be allowed in a confined space including but not limited to a crawl space, elevator, attic or mechanical room, unless solo work in the confined space were deemed to be unsafe.
7. Wherever possible, employees should be assigned tasks that can generally be completed without the assistance of other employees.
8. Equipment with an enclosed cab shall only be operated by one person during the day and the cab shall be sanitized at the end of each workday.
9. Trades shall be staggered as necessary to reduce the density of workers on site and to maintain social distancing. Each individual shall maintain a distance of six (6) feet from any another individual.
10. Deliveries shall be staggered to minimize interactions with individuals and maintain the six (6) foot separation.
11. Employees and workers shall, wherever possible, reduce any extraneous errands, travel and community interactions to occur at the start or the end of the work day.
12. Individuals shall not travel to or from the site by carpool, unless they are carpooling with individuals who reside in the same residence, or using public transportation unless they are practicing social distancing.
13. Individuals shall not share any tools or equipment while on the job site. Table saws and large equipment shall be wiped down after each use.
14. On-site portable toilets shall be sanitized and disinfected every day by each user after use. The date when the portable toilet was last disinfected and sanitized by the portable toilet installer shall be posted outside the toilet.
15. There shall be no communal water cooler, water dispenser or microwave on site. Individuals shall bring their own personal water bottles and all food and beverages they will consume during the day. During the period when construction activity is taking place, individuals are required to remain on the site during work hours for lunch, food and beverages.

16. Each job site shall post in at least two areas visible to all individuals on the job site, on work vehicles or in the place of work, the following required hygienic practices:
  - a. Wash hands often for twenty (20) seconds
  - b. Cough into elbow
  - c. Do not touch your face
  - d. Regularly disinfect high touch surfaces such as handrails, elevator control buttons, doorknobs, and counters
  - e. Stay at home if you are sick
  
17. Individuals shall arrive for work wearing clean clothes.
  
18. On a daily basis, the COVID-19 supervisor shall inspect on-site workers and ensure no individual is permitted on the job site who presents any symptoms of illness such as fever, cough, runny nose, or sore throat. Any individual presenting any symptoms of illness shall be required to stay home. The individual may return to work in conformance with CDC Guidelines.
  
19. All individuals on the job site shall inform the COVID-19 supervisor if a family member is presenting any symptoms of illness as identified in #18. If so, the reporting individual shall remain off the job in conformance with CDC Guidelines.
  
20. The owner or primary contractor shall maintain a daily attendance log of all individuals entering the work site.