



CITY OF ANAHEIM BUILDING & SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT April 1, 2020

COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES

The following guidelines are based on Interim CDC's Guidance for Business and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), OSHA's Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, and other publications. Please check Anaheim Building Division for the latest updates.

Construction industry employers shall develop a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control plan, which includes control measures such as social distancing; symptom checking; hygiene; decontamination procedures, and training. An exposure control plan and the following practices must be followed to prevent any onsite worker from contracting COVID-19, as many people with COVID-19 are asymptomatic and can potentially spread disease. Failure to comply with this guidance shall be deemed as creating unsafe conditions and may result in withheld inspections or shutting down the construction site until corrected.

Anaheim Building staff will verify compliance with these guidelines during regular scheduled inspections for projects under construction as well as during investigations associated with complaints that may be submitted to Anaheim Building.

1. Practice social distancing by maintaining a minimum 6-foot distance from others.
2. Preclude gatherings of any size, and anytime two or more people must meet, ensure minimum 6-foot separation.
3. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, faces shields and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.
4. The owner/contractor shall designate a site specific COVID-19 Supervisor to enforce this guidance. A designated COVID-19 Supervisor shall be present on the construction site at all times during construction activities. The COVID-19 Supervisor can be an on-site worker who is designated to carry this role.
5. Identify "choke points" and "high-risk areas" where workers are forced to stand together, such as hallways, hoists and elevators, break areas, and buses, and control them so social distancing is maintained.
6. Minimize interactions when picking up or delivering equipment or materials, ensure minimum 6-foot separation.
7. Stagger the trades as necessary to reduce density and maintain minimum 6-foot separation social distancing.
8. Discourage workers from using other workers' phones, desks, offices, work tools and equipment. If necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use.
9. Post, in areas visible to all worker, required hygienic practices including not touching face with unwashed hands or with gloves; washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, cleaning AND disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machine, shared tools, elevator control buttons, and doorknobs; covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing as well as other hygienic recommendations by the CDC.
10. Place wash stations or hand sanitizers in multiple locations to encourage hand hygiene.
11. Require anyone on the project to stay home if they are sick, except to get medical care.
12. Have employees inform their supervisor if they have a sick family member at home with COVID-19.
13. Maintain a daily attendance log of all workers and visitors.



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Contractors, Construction Supervisors, Developers, Job Managers, Homeowners, and anyone else responsible for an onsite inspections:

The Department is very aware that this is a difficult time for many of our stakeholders due to the unknowns/uncertainties of the COVID-19. We plan to provide the inspections required so that your project may be completed timely. However, all on-site inspections must be done in accordance with COVID-19 Guidelines.

Please be aware that it is your responsibility to ensure the COVID-19 Guidelines are strictly adhered to while the Department's inspectors (and/or other City of Anaheim staff) are present at the jobsite in the area to be inspected.

The COVID-19 Guidelines include the following:

- **Maintain Social Distancing** – no more than 3 persons, including City inspectors, will be allowed in the area to be inspected and each person must maintain a 6-foot distance from each other.
- **Ensure that no one onsite is sick** or is believed to have come in contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Ensure that the site is clean** and that City inspectors do not have to remove debris or other obstacles to do the inspection.

The Department has informed its inspectors that they are not allowed to perform an inspection if the COVID-19 Guidelines are not being followed on the jobsite. They will immediately leave the site and you must reschedule the inspection when the site meets the conditions of the COVID-19 Guidelines.

There will be no exceptions made regarding adherence to the COVID-19 Guidelines.

We will continue to do our best to provide you with the inspection services you need and appreciate your cooperation in applying the COVID-19 Guidelines at your jobsite.

As an alternative to a traditional on site Building Inspection, on a limited basis the Department is offering and performing "virtual" inspections to take place via FaceTime or Skype. Please visit: www.anaheim.net/533/Inspection for further information regarding virtual inspection options.