



RETURNING TO WORK REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-70

Effective at 12:01 am on May 7, 2020, workers in the construction industry, including workers in the building trades (plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, and similar workers), subject to the enhanced social-distancing rules described in section 11(i) of this order can return to work.

Businesses, operations, and government agencies that remain open for in-person work must, at a minimum:

1. Develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, consistent with recommendations in Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, developed by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and available here. Such plan must be available at company headquarters or the worksite.
2. Restrict the number of workers present on premises to no more than is strictly necessary to perform the in-person work permitted under this order.
3. Promote remote work to the fullest extent possible.
4. Keep workers and patrons who are on premises at least six feet from one another to the maximum extent possible.
5. Increase standards of facility cleaning and disinfection to limit worker and patron exposure to COVID-19, as well as adopting protocols to clean and disinfect in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in the workplace.
6. Adopt policies to prevent workers from entering the premises if they display respiratory symptoms or have had contact with a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.
7. Adopt any other social distancing practices and mitigation measures recommended by the CDC.
8. Businesses or operations whose in-person work is permitted under sections 10(c) through 10(f) of this order must also:
 - Prohibit gatherings of any size in which people cannot maintain six feet of distance from one another.
 - Limit in-person interaction with clients and patrons to the maximum extent possible, and barring any such interaction in which people cannot maintain six feet of distance from one another.
 - Provide personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.
 - Adopt protocols to limit the sharing of tools and equipment to the maximum extent possible and to ensure frequent and thorough cleaning of tools, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces.

Businesses or operations in the construction industry must also:

1. Adhere to all of the provisions in subsection (h) of this section.
2. Designate a site-specific supervisor to monitor and oversee the implementation of COVID-19 control strategies developed under subsection (a) of this section. The supervisor must remain on-site at all times during activities. An on-site worker may be designated to perform the supervisory role.
3. Conduct a daily entry screening protocol for workers and visitors entering the worksite, including a questionnaire covering symptoms and exposure to people with possible COVID-19, together with, if possible, a temperature screening.
4. Create dedicated entry point(s) at every worksite, if possible, for daily screening as provided in subprovision (3) of this subsection, or in the alternative issue stickers or other indicators to workers to show that they received a screening before entering the worksite that day.
5. Require face shields or masks to be worn when workers cannot consistently maintain six feet of separation from other workers.
6. Provide instructions for the distribution of personal protective equipment and designate on-site locations for soiled masks.
7. Encourage or require the use of work gloves, as appropriate, to prevent skin contact with contaminated surfaces.
8. Identify choke points and high-risk areas where workers must stand near one another (such as hallways, hoists and elevators, break areas, water stations, and buses) and control their access and use (including through physical barriers) so that social distancing is maintained.
9. Ensure there are sufficient hand-washing or hand-sanitizing stations at the worksite to enable easy access by workers.
10. Notify contractors (if a subcontractor) or owners (if a contractor) of any confirmed COVID-19 cases among workers at the worksite.
11. Restrict unnecessary movement between project sites.
12. Create protocols for minimizing personal contact upon delivery of materials to the worksite.

