



CITY OF BOISE

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COVID-19 Precautionary Job Site Practices

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone should incorporate additional safety protocols to prevent the transmission of the virus at job sites and residences for workers, inspectors and our community members. Please continually evaluate changing conditions, hazards and reference the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and guidelines.

Inspections

In an effort to protect the health of our community and our Inspection Team members, we are asking a few additional questions prior to scheduling an Inspection:

- Have you or anyone in your residence/job site recently experienced any illness-related symptoms such as: fever, cough, or shortness of breath?
- Have you or anyone in your residence/job site recently traveled out of state or outside of North America in the past 14 days?
- Have you or anyone in your residence/job site recently interacted with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19?

If the answer is “Yes” to any of these questions, we ask that the inspection be rescheduled to a later date by contacting us at (208) 608-7070 or by rescheduling on PDS Online.

Additionally, in our continued efforts to protect public health in Boise, our Inspectors may also choose to reschedule an inspection to a different time if they encounter a concerning situation or become aware of public health related concerns prior to or during an inspection.

If an inspection is not time sensitive, please consider rescheduling to a later date.

Virtual inspections with video calls, videos, photos or use of a common video conferencing cell phone app may be an option. Please communicate and work directly with the applicable inspector to determine if this can be accomplished in your specific situation.

Social Distancing

- **Work in occupied areas should be limited to only those tasks that are strictly necessary.**
 - For inspections, remove workers and/or subcontractors from the building, applicable floor or area subject to inspection. Scheduling inspection times when the building is vacant is also an option.

- Inspectors will not enter construction trailers at this time. All approved plans and documents that need to be referenced or signed off by the inspector need to be brought out to the inspector.
- Limit physical contact with others and increase personal space to at least 6 feet.
- Limit in-person meetings by replacing them with phone or online meetings.
- Take breaks in shifts to reduce the size of the group in the lunch area at any one time to less than 10 people.
- Subcontractor foremen and project managers should communicate with their general contractors about prohibiting large gatherings (currently no more than 10 people) on the job site, such as the all-hands meeting and all-hands lunches.
- Adjust work schedules to limit workers and/or subcontractors from working in the same areas at the same time.

Health, Sanitation and Cleanliness

- Designate a representative to be responsible for monitoring signs of illness in the workplace, and if someone is showing symptoms, ask them to leave.
- If possible COVID-19 exposure has occurred, communicate with persons that may have been in contact and to City inspectors. Immediately work to clean and sanitize the job site.
- Provide hand washing facilities. Promote frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds. Also provide hand sanitizer, especially when hand washing facilities are not available.
 - All workers should wash hands often, especially before eating, smoking, or drinking. Hands should also be washing after sneezing, coughing, and blowing your nose. Workers should refrain from touching their faces.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces within the workplace multiple times each day.
- Employers should provide tissues and encourage employees to cover their noses and mouths with a tissue (or an elbow or shoulder if a tissue is not available) when coughing or sneezing.
- Provide appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as gloves, eye protection, etc.

