



## CPWR Publishes COVID-19 Guidance for Construction Work

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, [The Center for Construction Research and Training](#) (CPWR) and [North America's Building Trades Unions](#) have developed a [list of steps](#) that employers and their employees can take to control the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.

Many of the guidelines for employees echo those of the [CDC](#) and include:

- Staying home from work if you feel sick, have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other associated symptoms. Learn more about recognizing the symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 [here](#)
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using a hand sanitizer containing greater than 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol alcohol when hand washing isn't available.
- Practicing social distancing, including remaining six feet apart from others and not shaking hands
- Avoid carpooling if possible, and frequently disinfect the interior of work and personal vehicles.

CPWR recommends that employers should develop a comprehensive COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan. The plan should cover controls like employee screening, and training for social distancing, decontamination, and hygiene practices. Other suggestions for employers include

- Designating a COVID-19 officer for each jobsite, and conduct a stand-down or toolbox talk to discuss the protective measures established for workers.
- Stagger crews or modify schedules to reduce the amount of workers on a jobsite at any given time.
- Identify areas on the jobsite where workers are forced to stand together like entry gates, elevators/hoists, break areas etc. and ensure social distancing is being practiced.
- Provide [NIOSH-respirators certified N95](#) or higher to employees working in close quarters or confined spaces.
- Frequently [decontaminate](#) shared surfaces, tools, and equipment. Make running water, soap, and disinfectants available to all employees. [See the CDC's list of approved disinfectants.](#)

For more information on preparing your business for COVID-19 and to view the full list, visit the CPWR's [COVID-19 webpage](#), or the [CDC's Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#).

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