

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR QUARRIES, CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTION SITES

1. MANAGEMENT

- Provide sanitary measures on site to prevent the spread of COVID-19 e.g. hand washing stations, toilet facilities, continuous supply of potable water, provision of hand sanitizer, provision of disinfectant and cleaning products,
- Observe physical distancing measures 6 feet apart.
- Develop and implement a site transportation protocol.
- Prepare a COVID-19 response plan to identify processes for dealing with suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- Communicate the site expectations and prevention measures to all workers and contractors.
- Provide adequate PPEs for staff
- Stay in contact with all workers including those who may be in isolation or working remotely. Conduct sensitization talks regularly and keep track where and when workers are on site for contract tracing purposes and ensure they have the correct PPE.
- Ensure that all health and safety protocols are still practiced.
- Management must prepare and submit to the Environmental Health Division a comprehensive plan occupational health and safety, COVID 19, site transportation protocols, cleaning and sanitizing protocols and site management protocols.

2. BEFORE ARRIVING ON SITE

- Management/contractor must create a plan indicating the steps they will take to mitigate risks presented by COVID-19. The details of the plan must be communicated to workers before they start work.
- Where possible, conduct a remote induction before arrival on site, this can be done via video conferencing or by phone. If in-person induction is required, the Physical distancing and hygiene protocols must be followed
- All workers should follow the Personal health flowchart to confirm they are safe to be on site:
 - **Employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness should notify their supervisor and stay home.**
 - **Sick employees should not come to work until they are free of fever (temperature of 100.4° F [37.8° C]) or greater, signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines.**
 - **Employees who have recently returned from areas with a high number of COVID-19 cases (based on CDC information) must inform management immediately**
 - **Employees who have been in close contact with someone infected by COVID-19, must also inform management.**
- Employers must have an understanding of how workers will travel to and from site and will communicate the Site Transportation protocol to all.

- Ensure all workers understand that additional PPE may be required due to COVID-19 as per the Ministry of Health and Wellness PPE Guide guidelines.

3. SITE ENTRY

- Only relevant personnel to the workplace are to access the site. All office employees supporting a project will work remotely, where possible.
- A daily register of workers entering and leaving site must be completed along with a health declaration. If electronic sign in machines are used, these must be cleaned and sanitized after each use. Use your existing sign in register.
- Signage reminding workers of the COVID-19 physical distancing and hygiene protocol must be posted at the site entrance and in common areas where appropriate.

4. SITE OPERATIONS

- All work is to be undertaken in such a way as to reduce any possible contact between workers and to promote physical distancing wherever possible, as per the Physical distancing protocol.
- All visitors to the site, such as necessary delivery workers, will be restricted to one person wherever possible. These workers must follow the Site Transportation protocol.
- All offices and jobsites must implement cleaning measures as per the Cleaning guide (adapted from CDC).
- All tools, equipment, plant and vehicles must be used in alignment with the Cleaning guide.
- Continuous sensitization sessions must be conducted while observing physical and hygiene protocol.
- Smokers must follow the Physical distancing and hygiene protocol.
- A COVID-19 Response plan must be available and accessible on site.

5. LEAVING SITE

- Workers must use the Sign-in register to sign out.
- When returning home/leaving site, workers will need to follow the necessary hygiene measures.
- Each site must be cleaned and sanitized at the end of the working day or end of each shift, as per the Cleaning guide.
- All waste and disposable PPE must be removed from site and securely disposed of as per site cleaning protocol.
- Workers must follow the Site Transportation protocol.