

SAFETY TALK

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Continue Applying COVID-19 Preventions

Congratulations - your dedication to implementing COVID-19 prevention protocols and procedures at home and at work has reduced the spread of COVID-19, kept the construction industry working and kept each other safe. Thank you!

Now is a perilous time and we need to remain on guard. COVID-19 has been in control of our lives for 12 weeks and we are experiencing fatigue and a natural inclination to return to a normal way of life. Provinces have begun implementing return to normal plans and we have started expanding our circle of contacts and started returning to a regular routine that includes going out shopping, attending restaurants, getting haircuts, or just getting a coffee.

Public Health Authorities (PHA) are concerned that the easing of restrictions and new liberties will result in an increase in transmission and a “second wave”. We have done an exceptional job preventing worker to worker transmission and we need to continue to be careful in our personal lives and at work to keep our workplaces safe.

Health Monitoring, Social Distancing, Hand Hygiene and Cleaning and Disinfecting are fundamental activities we need to continue practicing to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

Each person is responsible for being self-aware of their health and not take any chances with other people’s health by coming to work if they are sick and may have COVID-19.

Provincial Health Care Assessments and the Ledcor Health Questionnaire are great tools to assess your state of health to determine if you should be at work. Workers with COVID-19 symptoms must not come to work and should seek medical advice. Access to testing and quick results means that workers can learn if they have COVID-19 with a minimum of effort or waiting. If test results are positive the PHA will usually instruct the person when it is safe to return to work. For negative COVID-19 test results workers should not return until their symptoms have abated and avoid sharing any illness (cold, flu, etc.) with co-workers.

Maintaining social distancing is an important method to control transmission. Face masks, used for close contact work, should not be used as a tool to reduce to social distancing. Maintaining 2 M (6 ft.) from each other is difficult and raising your voice to communicate can be tiresome.

Each time you enforce social distancing you are showing workers that you care about their safety.

Hand washing and site cleaning are effective only if we keep up our regime of washing our hands when we arrive and before we leave and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces.

To keep our families, ourselves, and our co-workers safe continue applying our prevention protocols and procedures and stay on guard.

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