

Members,

This evening we received official guidance from the [City of Austin](#) and [Travis County](#) that per the Governor's orders that took effect today, all construction in Austin and Travis County is considered "essential."

Inspectors will continue to monitor jobsites to ensure that our sites are operating safely and in accordance with the safety requirements included in the City of Austin's supplemental guidelines to include:

- In addition to the distancing guidelines and healthy work practice requirements in Exhibits A and B of the Order, for all construction sites within the City with more than 10 active workers at any time, the person in charge of the overall site ("Site Manager") shall:
 - o Post at the site, in languages understood by all persons working there, a notice showing the sizes and types of shift crews working there, and directions on how the Site Manager is limiting crew sizes and rotating shifts.
 - o Conduct a jobsite pre-screening of the general health of each worker, understood by the worker, every day before the commencement of work.
 - o Ensure that the site has at least one handwashing station with soap or hand sanitizer for each 15 workers at the site.
 - o Prohibit the use of community water coolers.
 - o Ensure that shared tools are disinfected between users, and that common areas (lunch and break areas, tool box talk areas, large equipment, etc.) and collective touch points (door knobs, counters, keyboards, etc.) are cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day.
 - o Post in a conspicuous place or places on a site where notices to employees are customarily posted, once such signage is made by available by the City, a sign in English and Spanish providing the social distancing requirements in Section 6.j. of the Order, the recommendations for employees in Exhibit B of the Order, and the provisions in Section 2 of this supplemental guidance, and information for workers to submit complaints of any violations.

- If a worker at a construction site is confirmed to have contracted the coronavirus virus, the Site Manager shall immediately send the worker home, notify Austin Public Health, and follow all directions from Austin Public Health concerning that worker.
- The Site Manager shall ensure that every worker who enters a jobsite has signed in and shall keep a list of and contact information for every worker that enters the jobsite every day for the purpose of identifying and notifying workers if they have shared a jobsite with someone who has been confirmed to have the coronavirus virus.

Our industry is in a unique position to provide education and training to every person working on a jobsite, to keep them safe at work, and send them home safely from all hazards, including COVID-19.

We have attached some samples from members that they are using to communicate to everyone involved on the sites to ensure that the proper safety protocols are consistently being followed.

Please send us your samples so that we can continue to share out these best practices. Our OSHA Partnership members will soon host a best practices session that we will record to share out with our members as well.

For further guidance, access the CESC Recommendations [here](#), the ABC Safety webinar [here](#), and the OSHA 3990 guidelines [here](#).