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# PHYSICAL DISTANCING ON THE JOB SITE

Returning to work in this unprecedented time is a complex challenge for all industries. In highly-collaborative professions such as construction, social or physical distancing comes with a unique set of challenges.

Employers want to resume operations quickly while keeping their employees and families as safe as possible. How can construction projects maintain adequate productivity in the wake of COVID-19? The following tips can help reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19:

## Scheduling

- Schedule multiple shifts to lower the total number of employees on the site at any given time
- Eliminate layered activities of multiple trades in an enclosed area, if possible
- Stagger breaks and lunches, if practicable, limiting the size of any group at any one time
- Provide additional entry and exit gates to the site to alleviate congestion points
- Divide crews into teams, allowing projects to continue working effectively in the event that one of the teams is required to quarantine
- Conduct safety meetings via teleconference or in a space that allows a six-foot distance between employees
- Inspect all shoring equipment prior to use. Damaged equipment should never be used

## Common Areas

- Avoid unnecessary physical contact and direct team members to increase personal space to at least six feet where possible
- Evaluate enclosed work areas (i.e. mechanical rooms, electrical rooms) for maximum occupancy levels and to determine how to maintain physical distancing
- Post reminder signage in common areas
- Allow only essential personnel to enter work trailers. Social distancing must be maintained while inside
- Open windows and remove any constricting materials to allow for good air flow

## Equipment

- Establish a maximum number of occupants allowed in elevators or other personnel hoists while keeping a safe physical distance
- Minimize ride-sharing while in vehicles, employees must ensure adequate ventilation
- Reduce, if practicable, sharing or use of equipment. Each shift, every employee should use the same piece of equipment
- Enforce the wearing of facial coverings for tasks or operations where social distancing is infeasible or possible

To stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 information, frequently check the [OSHA](#) and [CDC](#) COVID-19 websites for updates. Check the Alliant [COVID-19 Resources page](#) for checklists, the latest webinars and COVID-19 briefings and updates.

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