



Health & Safety Department Covid 19 Update: 4/20/20

Dear Members,

Although construction in the our area has been “shut-down”, many job-sites have received waivers or been deemed essential depending on which state it is located. If you have made the decision to return to work, the Health & Safety department would like to offer the following precautions:

Please be advised that the following recommendations are designed to reduce the risk of contacting COVID 19, not to eliminate it. If you or a household member are considered “high risk” the safest thing to do is to stay home.

Before leaving the house:

- Maintain personal wellness. Be aware of body temperature and highly receptive to any flu like symptoms you may be experiencing.
- If you have a fever or any symptoms, STAY HOME!
- Stay up to date with the current governmental and CDC guidelines.

At the job site:

- Report any symptoms you develop to a supervisor immediately.
- Develop a plan for working safely and communicate it to all workers.
- Consistently wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Wear a secure covering over nose and mouth at all times. (Mandatory in PA)
- Practice the 6ft distancing rule whenever possible.
- When 6ft distancing is unachievable, at a minimum, cover nose and mouth with a cloth mask, wear safety glasses and a face shield. It is preferable to wear a N95 respirator or greater if available.
- Limit use of job hoists, use the stairs whenever possible.
- Limit workers in mobile elevated work platforms together and disinfect shared machines.
- Don't share tools and disinfect tools after using them.

- Disinfect shared equipment between uses. Examples: Ladders, sprayers, caulk guns, vacuum cups, mixers etc.
- Wear proper PPE when needed (respirators, gloves, face shields etc.). If no PPE is available stay 6ft apart!
- Cough or Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue if available.
- Create Controlled Access Zones to keep other trades and/or pedestrians away.
- Communicate with other trades to avoid congested work areas.
- If possible, change clothes before leaving the site.
- Avoid carpooling and any unnecessary interaction between co-workers.

After work:

- If still wearing, remove clothes and boots before entering the house
- Do not hug you family until you are clean. Shower ASAP.
- Try to wash work clothes immediately.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched areas such as: door knobs, car handles, steering wheels, cell phones, appliance handles, remote controls, mail box, appliance handles etc.

We recognize that construction has been deemed “essential” in certain areas. However, the health and safety of DC21 members and their families is our #1 priority. Nobody should feel forced to work during this pandemic. The entire DC 21 staff is here to help. If you have any questions or concerns please contact any DC21 representative, funds administrator, apprentice coordinator or organizer.

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