

Acknowledgement and Acceptance of COVID-19 Safety Protocols for Construction Sites in the City of Arcata

To help avoid the spread of COVID-19 at construction job sites, the City of Arcata requires that all active construction job sites within the City follow the following safety protocols until further notice:

- 1) Encourage workers to stay home if they are feeling sick. Any worker displaying COVID-19 symptoms (fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, etc.) must leave the work site immediately and notify their manager/employer. Job site workers must notify their manager/employer and stay at home if they have been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19; are required or advised by a physician to stay home; or have immediate or close family members who are sick with COVID-19.
- 2) Workers, contractors and visitors shall practice social distancing by maintaining at least six feet of separation between all individuals whenever possible, including work breaks. Where work trailers are used, all workers should maintain social distancing while inside the trailers.
- 3) Keep in-person meetings (including toolbox talks and safety meetings) as short as possible, limit the number of workers in attendance, and use social distancing practices.
- 4) Job site workers and visitors shall wear face coverings over their noses and mouths while performing work within twelve feet of other people. Face coverings may include fabric coverings, such as scarves and bandana coverings. Reusable face coverings must be washed frequently. Single-use coverings must be discarded appropriately into trash receptacles.
- 5) Workers shall be trained on how to properly put on, use/wear, and take off protective clothing and equipment.
- 6) Continue to use other normal control measures, including personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to protect workers from other job hazards associated with construction activities. Workers shall not share PPE. Any PPE items that must be shared due to limited availability, such as safety glasses, reflective vests or hard hats, must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- 7) To the extent tools or equipment must be shared, provide and instruct workers to use alcohol-based wipes to clean tools before and after use. When cleaning tools and equipment, workers should consult manufacturer recommendations for proper cleaning techniques and restrictions.
- 8) Promote personal hygiene, including washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoiding touching one's face with unwashed hands or with gloves. If workers do not have immediate access to soap and water for hand washing, provide alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60 percent alcohol. Encourage respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes.
- 9) Clean and disinfect portable job-site toilets regularly. Hand sanitizer dispensers should be filled regularly. Frequently touched items (i.e., door pulls and toilet seats) should be disinfected often.
- 10) When cleaning and disinfecting, use Environmental Protection Agency-approved cleaning chemicals from [List N](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2) (<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>) or that have label claims against the coronavirus.
- 11) Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

I have read and understand the above requirements and agree to be bound by them for any work performed by _____ within the City of Arcata.
(Contractor)

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____