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Washing hands, social distancing and cleaning surfaces may work for everyone else but how does that happen on a construction site?

I've researched the CDC guidelines and the new OSHA recommendations concerning the current coronavirus pandemic. From those resources, I pulled items that I believe relate directly to our construction industry. Additionally, I've added a few things that are unique to construction jobsites.

Attached, you'll find a checklist of things to do and things to consider as you try to work and keep everyone safe from the coronavirus. These measures are specific to the construction industry and can also apply to actions needed for influenza or other contagious illnesses in the workplace.

For more resources, go to these website links.

“Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19”

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

ABC CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

<https://abc.org/coronavirus#LiveAccordionContent509612421-la>

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Install hand washing stations at multiple locations. At a minimum, have a washing station available at the beginning and end of every shift. Ensure there is enough water, soap and other supplies for the number of workers.
- Do not allow any handshaking, high fives or similar contact between workers.
- Insist on the habit of wearing gloves not only when working, but also whenever touching any surface that others may have also touched. (hand tools, equipment, machinery, steering wheels etc)
- Do not share food or drinks. Inspect water cooler stations.
- Discuss the coronavirus rules and personal hygiene during the Toolbox Talks.
- Review all rules and procedures with HR and your insurance provider.
- Log incidents in accordance with the OSHA Injury Reporting Standards.
- Stagger shifts or phases of work to keep workers away from one another.
- Remind workers to keep work clothes, tools and vehicles from infecting family members after returning home. Possibly shower before you interact with family.
- Ask workers for ideas and suggestions.
- Update or create a written program for infectious diseases. (COVID-19, Influenza, tuberculosis, hepatitis, bloodborne pathogens etc)

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