



## Guidance for construction sites to reduce potential for COVID-19 virus transmission

The Government of Yukon has classified construction as an essential service that is vital to the health, safety and economic well-being of Yukoners. Essential services should and are encouraged to remain open subject to the legal orders, guidelines and recommendations of Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/current-covid-19-situation>.

This document was developed to provide additional guidance for construction site safety and to minimize COVID-19 transmission risks in and around Yukon communities. Enhanced safety management measures—for the duration of the pandemic—will help provide comfort to Yukoners' that their wellbeing is always a top concern.

The following points provide general guidance for measures and activities on sites:

- Anyone with COVID-19 like symptoms such as, fever, cough or difficulty breathing need to remain home and assess the need for medical follow up by completing the self-assessment tool <https://service.yukon.ca/en/covid-19-self-assessment/>
- All individuals coming from outside Yukon, BC, NWT or Nunavut must self-isolate for 14 days as per the CEMA orders before going to site.
- Ensure that there is adequate 2-meter spacing in common work areas such as lunchroom, loading/storage or other similar spaces. Where possible, the worksite should be arranged to reduce high-traffic areas. For example, material loading/unloading and marshalling areas, lunchrooms, tool sheds should be provided with enough space and oriented to allow individuals to support 2 metre physical distancing. Cooking and dining facilities will require particular care in providing spatial separation, sanitization methods etc.
- Reduce in-person meetings and other gatherings and hold site meetings in open spaces or outside.
- The order restricting the size of gatherings applies to social gatherings. Work spaces, including construction sites may have gatherings of greater than the limited social gatherings as long as the infection control measures outlined in this guideline document are adhered to.
- Increase the number of handwashing stations, provide hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Comply with the required number of hand washing stations per Occupational Health and Safety Regulations (Section 4.85) and post signage that identifies their location.
- Do not share personal items or supplies such as phones, pens, notebooks, tools and work specific PPE etc.

- Use, remove and dispose of work related PPE, masks, gloves, etc., with care, being mindful of which surfaces may be contaminated.
- Continue to provide access and use of common dining areas and shared devices like coffee machines, water fountains, microwaves, etc. Ensure such common areas are cleaned and disinfected regularly and provide the means to clean and disinfect such devices between uses.
- Schedule or stagger breaks and mealtimes to allow distancing between individuals.
- Provide sanitizing wipes where common pens are used for sign-in sheet to construction site. Otherwise, provide pens for individuals to take away or dispose of appropriately.
- Wherever possible, workers travel to site using individual modes of transportation (e.g., personal vehicle or bicycle). Otherwise limit the number of individuals travelling together and follow Transport Canada guidance documents such as the use of face coverings for intercommunity bus, and motor carrier passengers – refer to the following web site: [https://www.tc.gc.ca/documents/2019-2020-AA-36-COVID-19\\_10\\_BUS\\_MASKS\\_17X11\\_EN.PDF](https://www.tc.gc.ca/documents/2019-2020-AA-36-COVID-19_10_BUS_MASKS_17X11_EN.PDF)
- All common areas and high touch surfaces should be cleaned at the end of each day, including washrooms, shared offices, common tables, desks, light switches, handrails and door handles.
- The CMOH has issued detailed guidelines for those working on sites in the communities available here – <https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/eco/eco-direction-guidelines-delivery-critical-essential-other-services-covid-19.pdf>. The CMOH has also issued detailed guidelines for work camps that can be found here - <https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/guidelines-work-camps-during-covid-19>
- Employers should reassess their work environment every day and share any updates on the Government of Yukon's COVID-19 page with all onsite staff: <https://yukon.ca/covid-19>

NOTE: These guidelines are for general information purposes only, and should not be relied upon or in any way a substitute for meeting any health and safety requirements. The contractor is still required to meet all applicable laws, orders, and health and safety requirements, and develop its own health and safety plan to minimize virus transmission on a project specific basis, including adding any additional requirements if needed. The Government of Yukon makes no guarantee, warranty or representation in any way (express or implied) with respect to the accuracy, suitability, reliability, usability, or completeness of these guidelines for a specific project. It is recommended that contractors also contact public health officials for further information and guidance on proper practices and procedures to minimize virus transmission.