





**Master Builders' Association** 

Of Western Pennsylvania, Inc.



### **COVID-19 Safety Town Hall**

#### **Protocols for Safe Construction**









# **Webinar Procedures**

- Situation continues to evolve rapidly. Based on our understanding as of April 30, 2020 at 11:00am
- Microphones are muted
- Please use the question box
- Files are uploaded in the handouts box and are available on our website



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## **MBA Resources**

#### www.mbawpa.org/news/covid-19-response/



# **Guidance Documents**

- Secretary of Health Order dated April 5, 2020
  Cleaning
- Secretary of Health Order dated April 15, 2020
  Masks required
- CDC Guidance
- Guidance for Businesses in the Construction Industry April 23, 2020

### The Plan

#### RECOMMENDED SAFETY AND HEALTH RESPONSE PLAN FOR COVID-19 EXPOSURE MITIGATION

www.mbawpa.org/assets/COVID-19\_SAFETY\_AND\_HEALTH\_RESPONSE\_PLAN\_4-23-2020.pdf

## **The Basics**

- Hand Washing Stations
  - **o Entrance/Exit**
  - $\odot$  Near break areas
  - $\odot$  Number of stations optional
- Cleaning and Disinfecting
  - $\odot$  High touch areas
    - Handrails
    - Doors
    - Porta-johns
    - Gang boxes
- Social Distancing

#### **Social Distancing**

- 6 feet minimum between workers
  - $\odot$  PA order allows exceptions for:
    - Safety of the public
    - Worker required deviation ("team lifting or drywalling")
- When 6 foot cannot be achieved
  - $\odot$  Job Safety Analysis
  - $\circ \text{ Barrier}$
  - $\circ$  PPE
    - N-95 preferred, facemasks can be used
    - Face shields
    - Gloves

### Banner



# Administrative

- Use virtual meetings when possible
- Disseminate information electronically when possible
- Meetings/Gatherings
  - $\circ$ 10 or less people
  - $\odot \textbf{Maintain 6-foot social distance}$
  - $\odot \mbox{Hold}$  outside when possible
- Stagger shifts, breaks, etc.
- Limit tool sharing
- Limit access to enclosed areas (trailers, offices, etc.)
- Prohibit unnecessary visitors, limit deliveries
- Ensure workers travel to and from the site separately

# New Requirements

- Employ jobsite screening per CDC guidelines
  Questionnaire
  - Does not need documented unless "Yes" answer
  - Done in private
  - $\circ$  Temperature checks
    - Required when returning to work following positive or probable
  - oldentify a "Pandemic Safety Officer" (PSO)
    - Each contractor must have one
    - Can have other duties
    - Must be on site

### **Pandemic Safety Officer Duties**

Convey, implement, and enforce the social distancing and other requirements of this guidance for the protection of employees, suppliers, and other personnel at the site.

## **Other Requirements**

#### Residential

- "detached one-family and two-family dwellings and townhouses which are not more than three stories above grade plane in height with a separate means of egress and their accessory structures."
- $\odot$  No more than 4 persons
- Non-Residential or Commercial
  - $\odot$  <code>Enclosed</code> projects or portions of enclosed projects, may not permit more than:
    - 4 persons for first 2,000 square foot
    - One additional person is allowed for each additional 500 square feet of enclosed area over 2,000 square feet
    - Per project, not per employer
    - Exterior workers count under square footage requirement

# **Other Guidance**

- Strongly encourage development of written safety plan
- Local governments can impose more stringent requirements
- Local officials tasked with notifying employers that a complaint was received
   OHigh rate of complaints in other States
   Osocial Distancing Officer Document
- Main office may open follow guidelines

### **Best Practices**

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# **Thank You for Attending**

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