**Construction Industry Safety Coalition Recommendations:**

**COVID-19 Exposure Prevention, Preparedness,**

**and Response Plan for Construction**

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The purpose of this plan is to outline the steps that every employer and employee can take to

reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The plan describes how to prevent worker

exposure to coronavirus, protective measures to be taken on the jobsite, personal protective

equipment and work practice controls to be used, cleaning and disinfecting procedures, and

what to do if a worker becomes sick.1

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**[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** takes the health and safety of our employees very seriously.

With the spread of the coronavirus or “COVID-19,” a respiratory disease caused by the SARSCoV-2 virus, we all must remain vigilant in mitigating the outbreak. This is particularly true for the construction industry. In order to be safe and maintain operations,

The Construction Industry Safety Coalition (CISC) developed this COVID-19 Exposure Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Plan[[1]](#footnote-1). The original document has, with the help of the Michigan Occupational, Health and Safety Administration, been edited to be Michigan-Specific. This plan will be implemented throughout **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** and at all of our jobsites. CISC has also identified a team of employees to monitor available U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) guidance on the virus.

This Plan is based on currently available information from the CDC, OSHA and MIOSHA and is subject to change based on further information provided by the CDC, OSHA, MIOSHA and other public officials. While these agencies have been consulted on this document, they have not been asked to endorse it. **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** may also amend this Plan based on operational needs.

**I. Responsibilities of Managers and Supervisors**

All managers and supervisors must be familiar with this Plan and be ready to answer questions from employees. Managers and supervisors must set a good example by following this Plan at all times. This involves practicing good personal hygiene and jobsite safety practices to prevent the spread of the virus. Managers and supervisors must encourage this same behavior from all employees.

**II. Responsibilities of Employees**

We are asking every one of our employees to help with our prevention efforts while at work.

In order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 at our jobsites, we all must play our part. As

set forth below, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** has instituted various housekeeping, social distancing, and other best practices at our jobsites. All employees must follow these. In addition, employees are expected to report to their managers or supervisors if they are experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, as described below. If you have a specific question about this Plan or COVID-19, please ask your manager or supervisor. If they cannot answer the question, please contact **[ADD TITLE HERE]**.

OSHA and the CDC have provided the following control and preventative guidance to all

workers, regardless of exposure risk:

* Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
* Follow appropriate respiratory etiquette, which includes covering for coughs and sneezes.
* Follow social distancing recommendations and stay away six feet or more from other people.

In addition, employees must familiarize themselves with the symptoms of COVID-19:

* Coughing;
* Fever;
* Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing; and
* Early symptoms such as chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, and runny nose.

If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or shortness of breath, **DO NOT GO TO WORK** and call your healthcare provider right away. Likewise, if you come into close contact with someone showing these symptoms, call your healthcare provider right away.

**III. Job Site Protective Measures**

**[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** has instituted the following protective measures at all jobsites.

*A. General Safety Policies and Rules*

* Any employee/contractor/visitor showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to leave the jobsite and return home.
* Safety meetings will be by telephone, if possible. If safety meetings are conducted in-person, attendance will be collected verbally and the foreman/superintendent will sign-in each attendee. Attendance will not be tracked through passed-around sign-in sheets or mobile devices. During any in-person safety meetings, avoid gathering in groups of more than ten (10) people and participants must remain at least six (6) feet apart.
* Employees must avoid physical contact with others and direct employees, contractors or visitors to increase personal space to at least six (6) feet, where possible. Where work trailers are used, only necessary employees should enter the trailers and all employees should maintain social distancing while inside the trailers.
* All in-person meetings will be limited and participants must be remain at least six feet apart. To the extent possible, meetings will be conducted by telephone.
* Employees will be encouraged to stagger breaks and lunches, if practical, to reduce the size of any group at any one time to less than ten (10) people.
* **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** understands that due to the nature of our work, access to running water for hand washing may be impracticable. In these situations, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will provide 5-to 10-gallon water jugs and foaming antibacterial soap for handwashing. Where this is infeasible alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60% alcohol and/or wipes may be used.
* Employees should limit the use of co-workers’ tools and equipment. To the extent tools must be shared, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will provide alcohol-based wipes to clean tools before and after use. When cleaning tools and equipment, consult manufacturing recommendations for proper cleaning techniques and restrictions.
* Employees are encouraged to limit the need for N95 respirator use, by using engineering and work practice controls to minimize dust. Such controls include the use of water delivery and dust collection systems, as well as limiting exposure time.
* **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will divide crews/staff into two (2) groups where possible so that projects can continue working effectively in the event that one of the divided teams is required to quarantine.
* As part of the division of crews/staff, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will designate employees into dedicated shifts, at which point, employees will remain with their dedicated shift for the reminder of the project. If there is a legitimate reason for an employee to change shifts, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will have sole discretion in making that alteration.
* Employees are encouraged to minimize ride-sharing. While in vehicle, employees must ensure adequate ventilation.
* If practical, employees should use/drive the same truck or piece of equipment every shift.
* A supply of potable water must be available to all employees in all places of employment. In lieu of using a common source of drinking water, such as a cooler, employers may provide individual use water bottles.
* ***Additional Jobsite Safety Precautions Include:*** 
  + [INSERT ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS THAT MAY BE SPECIFIC TO YOUR BUSINESS/OPERATIONS/PROJECTS]

*B. Workers Entering Occupied Building and Homes*

* When employees perform construction and maintenance activities within occupied homes, office buildings, and other establishments, these work locations present unique hazards with regards to COVID-19 exposures. All such workers should evaluate the specific hazards when determining best practices related to COVID-19.
* During this work, employees must sanitize the work areas upon arrival, throughout the workday, and immediately before departure. **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will provide alcohol-based wipes for this purpose.
* Employees should ask other occupants to keep a personal distance of six (6) feet at a minimum. Workers should wash or sanitize hands immediately before starting and after completing the work.

*C. Job Site Visitors*

* The number of visitors to the job site, including the trailer or office, will be limited to only those necessary for the work.
* All visitors will be screened before being allowed on the job site. If the visitor answers “yes” to any of the following questions, he/she should not be permitted to access the jobsite:
  + Have you been confirmed positive for COVID-19?
  + Are you currently experiencing, or recently experienced, any acute respiratory illness symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath?
  + Have you been in close contact with any persons who has been confirmed positive for COVID-19?
  + Have you been in close contact with any persons who have traveled and are also exhibiting acute respiratory illness symptoms?
* Site deliveries will be permitted but should be properly coordinated in line with the employer’s minimal contact and cleaning protocols. Delivery personnel should remain in their vehicles if at all possible.

*D. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Work Practice Controls*

* In addition to regular PPE for workers engaged in various tasks (fall protection, hard hats, hearing protection), employers will also provide:
  + Gloves: Gloves should be worn at all times while on-site. The type of glove worn should be appropriate to the task. Cloth gloves shall not be worn when operating rotating equipment such as a drill or a powered threading machine. If gloves are not typically required for the task, then any type of glove is acceptable, including nitrile, latex, or vinyl gloves. Employees should avoid sharing gloves.
  + Eye protection: Eye protection should be worn at all times while on-site.
  + **NOTE:** The CDC is currently not recommending that healthy people wear N95 respirators to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Employees shall wear N95 respirators if required by the work. If N-95 is not available, a higher level of respiratory protection is required.
* In addition to providing PPE, the following Work Practice Controls should also be followed:
  + Keep dust down by using engineering and work practice controls, specifically through the use of water delivery and dust collection systems.
  + Limit exposure time to the extent practical.
  + Isolate workers in dusty operations by using a containment structure or distance to limit dust exposure to those employees who are conducting the tasks, thereby protecting nonessential workers and bystanders.
* Institute a rigorous housekeeping program to reduce dust levels on the jobsite.

**IV. Job Site Cleaning and Disinfecting**

**[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** has instituted regular housekeeping practices, which includes cleaning and disinfecting frequently used tools and equipment, and other elements of the work environment, where possible. Employees should regularly do the same in their assigned work areas. If protective equipment is required and is worn in direct contact with the skin, the equipment shall be sanitized before being reissued to another employee.

* Jobsite trailers and break/lunchroom areas will be cleaned at least once per day. Employees performing cleaning will be issued proper PPE, such as nitrile, latex, or vinyl gloves and gowns, as recommended by the CDC.
* Any trash collected from the jobsite must be changed frequently by someone wearing nitrile, latex, or vinyl gloves.
* Any portable jobsite toilets should be cleaned by the leasing company at least three times per week and disinfected on the inside. **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will ensure that hand sanitizer dispensers are always filled. Frequently touched items (i.e. door pulls and toilet seats) will be disinfected after each use.
* Company vehicles and equipment/tools should be cleaned at least once per day and before change in operator or rider. Gloves and any other disposable PPE used for cleaning and disinfecting the vehicle should be removed and disposed of immediately after cleaning. Hands should be washed or sanitized immediately after removal of gloves and other PPE.
* If an employee has tested positive for COVID-19, OSHA has indicated that there is typically no need to perform special cleaning or decontamination of work environments, unless those environments are visibly contaminated with blood or other bodily fluids. Notwithstanding this, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will clean those areas of the jobsite, using the CDC guideline found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/disinfecting-building-facility.html, that a confirmed-positive individual may have come into contact with before employees can access that work pace again.
* **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will ensure that any disinfection shall be conducted using one of the following:
  + Common EPA-registered household disinfectant;
  + Alcohol solution with at least 70% alcohol; or
  + Diluted household bleach solutions (if appropriate for the surface).
* **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will maintain Safety Data Sheets of all disinfectants used on site and will train all cleaning staff on site prior to assigning cleaning tasks.
* ***Additional Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines Include:*** 
  + [INSERT ADDITIONAL CLEANING REQUIREMENTS IF YOU USE HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS ON SITE]

**V. Jobsite Exposure Situations**

**Employee Exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms**

If an employee exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, the employee must remain at home until he or she is symptom free for 72 hours (3 full days) without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g., cough suppressants). **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will similarly require an employee that reports to work with symptoms to return home until they are symptom free for 72 hours (3 full days). To the extent practical, employees are required to obtain a doctor’s note clearing them to return to work.

**Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19**

An employee that tests positive for COVID-19 will be directed to self-quarantine away from work. Employees that test positive and are symptom free may return to work when at least seven (7) days have passed since the date of his or her first positive test, and have not had a subsequent illness. Employees that test positive and are directed to care for themselves at home may return to work when:

* At least 72 hours (3 full days) have passed since recovery;[[2]](#footnote-2)
* At least seven (7) days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Employees that test positive and have been hospitalized may return to work when directed to do so by their medical care provider. **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will require an employee to provide documentation clearing their return to work.

**Employee Has Close Contact with a Tested Positive COVID-19 Individual**

Employees that have come into close contact with a confirmed-positive COVID-19 individual (co-worker or otherwise), will be directed to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date of close contact with the carrier. Close contact is defined as six (6) feet for a prolonged period of time.

If **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** learns that an employee has tested positive, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will conduct an investigation into co-workers that may have had close contact with the confirmed positive employee in the prior 14 days and direct those individuals that have had close contact with the confirmed-positive employee to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date of close contact with the carrier. If an employee learns that he or she has come into close contact with a confirmed-positive individual outside of the workplace, he/she must alert a manager or supervisor of the close contact and also self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date of close contact with the carrier.

**VI. OSHA Recordkeeping**

**[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will adhere to the guidance set by federal OSHA regarding COVID-19 and Injury & Illness recordkeeping. Until further notice, however, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will not make work-relatedness determinations, except where:

* There is objective evidence that a COVID-19 case may be work-related. This could include, for example, a number of cases developing among workers who work closely together without an alternative explanation; and
* The evidence was reasonably available to **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]**. Examples of reasonably available evidence include information given to **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** by employees, as well as information that **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** learns regarding its employees’ health and safety in the ordinary course of managing its business and employees.

When recorded, COVID-19 should be coded as a respiratory illness on the Form 300. Because this is an illness, if an employee voluntarily requests that his or her name not be entered on the

log, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will comply.

If an employee has a confirmed case of COVID-19, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will conduct an assessment of any workplace exposures to determine if the case is work-related.

“Work-related” is presumed for illnesses that result from events or exposures in the work

environment, unless it meets certain exceptions. One of those exceptions is that the illness

involves signs or symptoms that surface at work but result solely from a non-work-related

event or exposure that occurs *outside* of the work environment. Thus, if an employee develops

COVID-19 *solely* from an exposure outside of the work environment, **it would *not* be work-related,** and thus not recordable.

**[INSERT COMPANY NAME]**’s assessment will consider the work environment itself, the type of work performed, risk of person-to-person transmission given the work environment, and other factors such as community spread. Further, if an employee has a confirmed case of COVID-19 that is considered work-related, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** will report the case to OSHA if it results in a fatality within 30 days or an in-patient hospitalization within 24-hours of the exposure incident occurring.

**VII. Confidentiality/Privacy**

Except for circumstances in which **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** is legally required to report workplace occurrences of communicable disease, the confidentiality of all medical conditions will be maintained in accordance with applicable law and to the extent practical under the circumstances. When it is required, the number of persons who will be informed of an employee’s condition will be kept at the minimum needed not only to comply with legally required reporting, but also to assure proper care of the employee and to detect situations where the potential for transmission may increase. A sample notice to employees is attached to this Plan. **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** reserves the right to inform other employees that a co-worker (without disclosing the person’s name) has been diagnosed with COVID-19 if the other employees might have been exposed to the disease so the employees may take measures to protect their own health.

**VIII. General Questions**

Given the fast-developing nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** may modify this Plan on a case by case basis. If you have any questions concerning this Plan, please contact **[ADD TITLE HERE].**

**IX. Sample Letter Templates, Checklists & Toolbox Talk**

**Essential Industry Employee**

Re: Shelter-in-Place Orders

To whom it may concern:

Please be informed that the bearer of this letter is employed at **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]**, located at **[COMPANY ADDRESS]**.

**[INSERT COMPANY NAME]** is a [name type of contractor]. We have reviewed all applicable Orders and have determined that our operations qualify as essential/critical infrastructure and that we are able to continue to operate under those Orders.

Employees in possession of this letter have been deemed essential to the minimum basic operations of our business. All non-essential personnel have been notified to work remotely until further notice. Employees who are critical to the minimum basic operations of the business have been instructed to comply with social distancing rules/requirements in the jurisdiction, as well as other safety and health precautions.

If you have questions regarding the nature or scope of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact [insert contact name] at [insert contact number and/or email].

Sincerely,

**EXECUTIVE NAME**

*TITLE*

**Employee Notification**

DATE: [DATE]

TO: [CLOSE CONTACT EMPLOYEE]

FROM: [COMPANY REP]

We have been informed by one of our [employees/customer/vendor/etc] working at [SITE] that he/she has a confirmed case of COVID-19, commonly known as “Coronavirus,” based on test results obtained on [DATE]. Per company policy, this [employee/customer/vendor/etc] has been directed to self-quarantine until permitted to return to work.

We are alerting you to this development because, based on **[INSERT COMPANY NAME]**’s investigation, we believe that you may have come into contact with the confirmed-positive case, on or about [DATE]. Based on Company policy we are directing you not to report to work (i.e., self-quarantine) until, at least, [14 days from last contact with confirmed case]. In the interim, we encourage you to seek medical advice and a COVID-19 test, especially if you are exhibiting

symptoms of the virus.

If you do not test positive for COVID-19, or experience symptoms, by [14 days from last contact with confirmed case], you may return to work. However, please inform [COMPANY CONTACT] if any of the following occur during your self-quarantine: you experience flu-like

symptoms, including fever, cough, sneezing, or sore throat; or you test positive for COVID-19.

We are committed to providing a safe environment for all of our employees and top-quality service to our customers. It is in the interest of those goals that we provide this information out of an abundance of caution.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind you that one of our core values as a company is respect for and among our employees [or customers]. We will treat information regarding the identity of employees [or customers] with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 as confidential to the extent practicable and will comply with applicable laws regarding the handling of such information. Further, per Company policy, we will not tolerate harassment of, or discrimination or retaliation against, employees [or anyone].

Please contact [COMPANY CONTACT AWARE OF APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS] at [PHONE NUMBER] if you have any questions or concerns.

For more information about COVID-19, please visit the Michigan COVID-19 website at: <https://www>.michigan.gov/coronavirus

**COVID-19 Checklist for Employers and Employees**

**Know the Symptoms of COVID-19**

* Coughing, fever, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing.
* Early symptoms may include chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, and runny nose. If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, DO NOT GO TO WORK and call your health-care provider immediately. Do the same thing if you come into close contact with someone showing these symptoms.

**Employer Responsibilities**

* Develop a COVID-19 Exposure Action Plan.
* Conduct safety meetings (toolbox talks) by phone if possible. If not, instruct employees to maintain 6-feet between each other. The foreman/supervisor will track attendance verbally rather than having employees sign an attendance sheet.
* Access to the job site and work trailer will be limited to only those necessary for the work.
* All visitors will be pre-screened to ensure they are not exhibiting symptoms.
* Employees, contractors, and visitors will be asked to leave the jobsite and return home if they are showing symptoms.
* Provide hand sanitizer and maintain Safety Data Sheets of all disinfectants used on site.
* Provide protective equipment (PPE) to any employees assigned cleaning/disinfecting tasks.
* Talk with business partners about your response plans. Share best practices with other businesses in your communities (especially those in your supply chain), chambers of commerce, and associations to improve community response efforts.

**Employee Responsibilities**

* Become familiar with the Exposure Action Plan and follow all elements of the Plan.
* Practice good hygiene: wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If these are not available, use alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your face, eyes, food, etc. with unwashed hands.

**Cleaning/Disinfecting Job Sites and Other Protective Measures**

* Clean and disinfect frequently used tools and equipment on a regular basis. This includes other elements of the jobsite where possible. Employees should regularly do the same in their assigned work areas.
* Clean shared spaces such as trailers and break/lunchrooms at least once per day.
* Disinfect shared surfaces (door handles, machinery controls, etc.) on a regular basis.
* Avoid sharing tools with co-workers. If not, disinfect before and after each use.
* Arrange for any portable job site toilets be cleaned by the leasing company at least twice per week and disinfected on the inside.
* Trash collected from the jobsite must be changed frequently by someone wearing gloves.

**Personal Protective Equipment and Alternate Work Practice Controls**

* Provide and wear the proper PPE.
* Keep the dust down by using engineering and work practice controls, specifically through the use of water delivery and dust collection systems.

**COVID-19 Toolbox Talk**

**What is COVID-19?**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19 is one of seven types of known human coronaviruses. COVID-19, like the MERS and SARS coronaviruses, likely evolved from a virus previously found in animals. The remaining known coronaviruses cause a significant percentage of colds in adults and children, and these are not a serious threat for otherwise healthy adults.

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/CDC, Chinese authorities identified an outbreak caused by a novel—or new—coronavirus. The virus can cause mild to severe respiratory illness. The outbreak began in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, and spread to a growing number of other countries—including the United States.

**How is COVID-19 Spread?**

COVID-19, like other viruses, can spread between people. Infected people can spread COVID-19 through their respiratory secretions, especially when they cough or sneeze. According to the CDC, spread from person-to-person is most likely among close contacts (about 6 feet). Person-to-person spread is thought to occur mainly *via* respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, like how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. It is currently unclear if a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.

In assessing potential hazards, employers should consider whether their workers may encounter someone infected with COVID-19 in the course of their duties. Employers should also determine if workers could be exposed to environments (e.g., worksites) or materials (e.g., laboratory samples, waste) contaminated with the virus.

Depending on the work setting, employers may also rely on identification of sick individuals who have signs, symptoms, and/or a history of travel to COVID-19-affected areas that indicate potential infection with the virus, in order to help identify exposure risks for workers and implement appropriate control measures.

There is much more to learn about the transmissibility, severity, and other features associated

with COVID-19, and investigations are ongoing.

**COVID-19 Prevention and Work Practice Controls:**

**Your Responsibilities:**

* Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands that are visibly soiled.
* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
* Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
* Employees who have symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) should notify their supervisor and stay home—DO NOT GO TO WORK.
* Sick employees should follow CDC-recommended steps. Employees should not return to work until the criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments.

**General Job Site / Office Practices:**

* Clean AND disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, and doorknobs. Dirty surfaces can be cleaned with soap and water prior to disinfection. To disinfect, use products that meet EPA’s criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2external icon, the cause of COVID-19, and are appropriate for the surface.
* Avoid using other employees’ phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible. If necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use.
* Clean and disinfect frequently used tools and equipment on a regular basis.
  + This includes other elements of the jobsite where possible.
  + Employees should regularly do the same in their assigned work areas.
* Clean shared spaces such as trailers and break/lunchrooms at least once per day.
* Disinfect shared surfaces (door handles, machinery controls, etc.) on a regular basis.
* Avoid sharing tools with co-workers if it can be avoided. If not, disinfect before and after each use.
* Arrange for any portable job site toilets to be cleaned by the leasing company at least twice per week and disinfected on the inside.
* Any trash collected from the jobsite must be changed frequently by someone wearing gloves.
* In addition to regular PPE for workers engaged in various tasks (fall protection, hard hats, hearing protection), employers will also provide:
  + Gloves: Gloves should be worn at all times while on-site. The type of glove worn should be appropriate to the task. If gloves are not typically required for the task, then any type of glove is acceptable, including latex gloves. Gloves should not be shared if at all possible.
  + Eye protection: Eye protection should be worn at all times while on-site.

1. *This template COVID-19 Exposure Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Plan for Construction was developed by the CISC which is comprised of over 25 construction industry trade associations representing all aspects of the construction industry including the National Association of Home Builders. The CISC was formed to provide information to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and contractors on important safety and health issues. This document is a “template” that individual contractors should review carefully and tailor to their own work and jobsites. This template has been further amended by the Home Builders Association of Michigan in consultation with the Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Administration.* ***It does not constitute legal advice and should not be construed on its own as fulfilling a contractor’s overall obligations to ensure a safe and healthful work environment.*** *As the COVID-19 outbreak develops, the information and recommendations contained in this document may change and thus, contractors should continue to monitor developments in this area.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Recovery is defined as: (1) resolution of fever with the use of fever-reducing medications; and (2) improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)