Construction Inspection Protocol during the COVID-19 Pandemic
May 4, 2020

The Marin County Health Officer Order dated April 29, 2020 is allowing construction pursuant to Construction Safety Protocols listed in Appendix B of the Order. This is a summary of Appendix B-1, Small Construction Project Safety Protocol (SCP Protocol).

Small Construction Projects are:
- Construction, renovations, or remodels for residents either single-family or multi-family of 10 units or less.
- Construction, renovations, or tenant improvements for commercial projects of 20,000 square feet of floor area or less.
- Mixed projects that meet both of the above.
- All other construction projects not subject to Large Construction Project Safety Protocol.

Besides complying with OSHA and Cal-OSHA standards, the SCP Protocol require:
A. A site-specific COVID-19 supervisor to enforce the SCP protocol.
B. The SCP Protocol must be reviewed with all workers and visitors to the site.
C. A protocol to conduct daily screening of arriving staff to ensure potentially infected staff do not enter the construction site. Post protocols at each entrance.
D. Social distancing of six-foot distancing between workers at all times.
E. Work areas must be separated from occupied residential unit or commercial units.
F. No gatherings of any size (including breaks or lunch).
G. Eliminate “choke points” or “high-risk areas” where it is difficult to maintain six-foot distancing.
H. Stagger trades to reduce density to allow six-foot distancing.
I. Personal protective equipment (glove, goggles, face shields and face coverings) must be provided and used.
J. Minimize interactions and maintain social distancing with site visitors such as delivery worker, design or project professionals, government inspectors, and residents.
K. Provide hand-washing facilities or hand sanitizers at the entrances and other locations of jobsite.
L. Clean hand-washing facilities, restrooms, or other spaces daily with disinfectants. Include high-touch areas, tools and equipment.
M. Maintain a daily attendance log of all workers and visitors with contact information.
N. Post a notice visible to all workers and visitors instructing them:
   i. Do not touch your face with unwashed hands or with gloves.
   ii. Wear a face covering at all times.
   iii. Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use and sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
   iv. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as work stations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, machines, shared tools, elevator control buttons, and doorknobs.
v. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, or cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm at your elbow/sleeve.

vi. Do not enter the jobsite if you have a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel sick, or have been exposed to anyone who is sick, stay at home.

vii. Constantly observe your work distances in relation to other staff. Maintain the six-foot distancing at all times when not wearing PPE and working in close proximity to another person.

viii. Do not carpool to and from the jobsite with anyone except members of your own household unit, or as necessary for workers who have no alternative means of transportation.

ix. Do not share phones or PPE.

Environmental Health Services Construction Protocol

Environmental Health Services (EHS) staff conduct construction inspections for the following:

- Food facility new construction and remodels
- Swimming pool and spa new construction and remodels
- Septic systems new construction and repairs
- Soil borings
- Monitoring and water wells.

Appointments for inspections shall be arranged with the appropriate EHS staff. The construction workers shall adhere to the SCP Protocol at all times. Of particular importance to EHS staff are:

- (J) Minimize interactions and maintain social distancing with site visitors such as delivery worker, design or project professionals, government inspectors, and residents.
- (G) Eliminate “choke points” or “high-risk areas” where it is difficult to maintain six-foot distancing.
- (I) Personal protective equipment (glove, goggles, face shields and face coverings) must be provided and used.

If possible, please schedule the construction inspection at a time where there are few construction workers on-site or have them work in a different area while one representative escorts EHS staff during the inspection.

If the construction workers do NOT adhere to the SCP Protocol, the EHS staff may refuse to provide the inspection service and leave the job site.