COVID-19 Construction Field Safety Guidance – Small and Large Construction Projects

It is important to note that implementation of this guidance is within each contractor’s means and methods and not a direction from County of Marin related to any specific project.

This field guidance has been developed in response to the need for work on Public Works construction projects to continue as safely as possible while various COVID-19 self-isolation orders are in place within the state of California. The State of California and County of Marin Health Orders that address the COVID-19 pandemic provide for work on Public Works projects to continue if they conform to the Appendices of the Marin County Health Order dated April 29, 2020 (Health Order).

This guidance is not all encompassing and may need to be tailored for individual construction sites, but they provide best practices to provide safe work sites considering the challenges posed by COVID-19. This guidance may be updated as more information becomes available regarding COVID-19 and potential exposure pathways.

Contractors shall prepare a new or updated Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan to address COVID-19-related issues, including the areas addressed in the Small Construction Project Safety Protocol (SCP Protocol, Health Order Appendix B-1) and Large Construction Project Safety Protocol (LCP Protocol, Health Order Appendix B-2). In addition, for Large Construction Projects, Contractors must assign a COVID-19 Safety Compliance Officer (SCO) to the jobsite and ensure the SCO’s name is posted on the Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan. The Contractor must also assign a COVID-19 Third-Party Jobsite Safety Accountability Supervisor (JSAS) for the jobsite, who meets the requirements and performs the duties described in the LCP Protocol.

Also, contractors should review the latest OSHA COVID-19 Workplace Safety Guidance document as a resource in preparation of their Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan. A copy of the Contractor’s Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan shall always be kept at the jobsite and made available.

The authority of the Engineer and the duly authorized Inspectors described in the General Conditions includes the authority to suspend the work if contractor personnel are not complying with the Health Order and/or OSHA guidance.

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1 As defined in Appendix B-1 and B-2 of the Health Order
2 see https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf