



**CITY OF TAMPA COVID-19 Response
Construction Site Safety Initiative**

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Summary

- Hillsborough County issued a **Safer at Home Order** effective March 27, followed by a statewide order effective April 3.
- Allows for **essential services** to continue which includes infrastructure and construction activities.
- Development Services Center became **'virtual'** on 3/17/20; including inspections via digital methods or affidavit of compliance
- For large construction sites, initiated **additional protective measures**.
- Purpose is to **keep workers SAFE, HEALTHY, and WORKING** and prevent workers from contracting COVID-19 while at the workplace.
- Guidelines are based upon **CDC recommendations**

Summary of Site Guidelines

- Designate a “COVID-19 Compliance Coordinator”
 - Present at all times during work hours, visibly identifiable (uniform, vest or helmet) and accessible to all workers, as well as City of Tampa officials, during work hours.
- Must maintain a **MINIMUM of 6 FEET SEPARATION BETWEEN PERSONNEL AT ALL TIMES**. If a task, or activity requires closer contact amongst personnel, the task must be **POSTPONED**, or redesigned
- Must have portable **handwashing and/or hand sanitizer** stations located in convenient locations.
- Must prominently post CDC-approved COVID-19 **informational materials** in English & Spanish.
- Construction **trailers ≤50% occupancy** at all times
- Construction-grade **gloves** must be worn at all times
- Food trucks must be located outside the perimeter; **On-site food service is prohibited**.
- Must maintain **site access controls** and staff screening protocols for COVID19 symptoms.



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Threshold Building Construction Site Guidelines

Governor DeSantis issued a Safer at Home Order, effective 12:01 am on April 3, 2020, to mitigate the impact(s) of COVID-19. The order allows for the provision of essential services which includes construction activities. The City of Tampa is recommending an additional set of operational guidelines for activities occurring at **Threshold Building** sites.

Fla Stat. Sec. 553.71 – “**Threshold Building**” is any building which is >3 stories and/or 50 feet in height, or has assembly occupancy classification exceeding 5,000 square feet in area and/or an occupant content of greater than 500 persons.

General Guidelines

1. All active projects must designate a “COVID-19 Compliance Coordinator”. The Coordinator must be present at all times during work hours. The Coordinator must be visibly identifiable (uniform, vest or helmet) and accessible to all workers, as well as City of Tampa officials, during work hours.
2. All construction sites are **CLOSED** to the general public – **ONLY** authorized personnel allowed on-site.
3. Individuals at all job sites must maintain a **MINIMUM of 6 FEET SEPARATION BETWEEN PERSONNEL AT ALL TIMES**. If a task, or activity requires closer contact amongst personnel, the task must be **POSTPONED**, or redesigned to accommodate a **MINIMUM 6 FOOT SEPARATION** at all times.
4. All sites must have portable handwashing stations (soap & water) and/or hand sanitizer (≥60% alcohol) stations located in convenient locations. **REGULAR HAND WASHING IS CRITICAL**.
5. Sites must prominently post CDC-approved COVID-19 informational materials in English & Spanish.
6. Construction trailers must have ≤50% occupancy at all times, with a **MINIMUM of 6 FEET SEPARATION BETWEEN PERSONNEL AT ALL TIMES**.
7. Construction-grade gloves must be worn at all times (except office work) while on the site.
8. Food trucks must be located outside the perimeter of the job site. On-site food service is prohibited; however, food delivery to the perimeter of the site is allowed. **A single designated drop point/pick-up point shall be established to limit interaction.**

Additional Oversight Guidelines

9. All sites are subject to unannounced spot-check inspection by an authorized medical practitioner in order to evaluate compliance with CDC guidelines, as well as the Threshold Building Construction Site Guidelines.
10. Individuals who fail to adhere to the Threshold Building Construction Site Guidelines, or are exhibiting “risky” behaviors that can lead to transmission of COVID-19, may be immediately removed from the job site.
11. All job sites must maintain a detailed action plan, as well as implementation procedures for: 1) site access control, 2) personal hygiene, 3) social distancing and 4) staff screening protocols for COVID-19 symptoms.

Companies Should Adopt the Following Additional Protections:

1. Work travel restrictions
2. Essential personnel identification
3. Remote-work guidelines
4. Face-to-face meeting restrictions

Screening for COVID-19 in Workers:

Sample web-based screening process
<http://bit.ly/WalbridgeCOVID2019>



Occupational Safety Site Inspections

- All sites are subject to unannounced spot-check inspection by an authorized occupational safety medical practitioner
 - Evaluate compliance with CDC guidelines and Threshold Building Construction Site Guidelines
 - Individuals who fail to comply or are exhibiting “risky” behaviors that can lead to transmission of COVID-19 may be immediately removed from the job site.
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- Medical Director retained
 - 20-25 licensed medical practitioners inspecting 52 job sites 2-3 times/week
 - Costs paid by developers
 - In effect as long as ‘Stay at Home’ orders are in effect
 - Commenced week of April 6, 2020



Questions and Feedback