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**
• 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.

Summary of Site Guidelines
**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.

- 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