

# WORK SMART WORK HEALTHY

## BUILDING TRADES & COVID-19

The Minnesota Building Trades work in partnership with contractor employers to ensure the health and safety of all trades workers on building construction projects.

During COVID-19, construction contractors continue to be responsible for providing a safe workplace and necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) for all tradesworkers on building construction sites. As of June 29, 2020 construction contractors are also required to develop and implement a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. It is also recommended that each building project site have a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.

Additional resources can be found here:

**Stay Safe Minnesota:** [Guidance and Resources for Employers](#)

**OSHA:** [COVID-19 Control and Prevention for Construction Work](#)

**CDC:** [What Construction Workers Need to Know about COVID-19](#)

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# BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

## COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PLANNING

### COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

Every contractor and building site should develop and implement a plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Important elements of a building project COVID-19 preparedness plan include:

- COVID-19 awareness and training
- How the project and jobsite can best achieve social distancing
- Appropriate health screening of individuals entering the jobsite
- Cleaning, disinfecting and hand hygiene practices

Preparedness also includes building trades members taking personal responsibility for their own health and the health of their coworkers to please...

**Stay Home If You Are Sick**

### COVID-19 RESPONSE PLANNING

It is important that each contractor and building project develop a plan in the event someone associated with a job site has symptoms or tests positive with COVID-19.

Important elements of a building project COVID-19 response plan include:

- Determining how the project will respond in the event of a suspected or positive COVID-19 test
- Communicating with the individual, close contacts, and the rest of the construction project workforce
- Contact investigation strategies
- Providing appropriate COVID-19 leave benefits
- Return to work procedures

All contractors and trades on a building project site should work together to prepare for and respond to COVID-19.