

COVID-19

HEALTHY AND SAFETY WORKSITE

On Monday March 23, 2020, Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued Executive Order 20-12. The order did not include construction as construction projects continue, CCB encourages contractors to incorporate COVID-19 safety planning and worksite-specific safety practices into their projects. Contractors that continue to operate are encouraged to work closely with their safety specialists and as appropriate with legal counsel to ensure they operate in compliance with these requirements.

Pro Heating and Cooling are following the next steps according with CDC (*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*) to maintain the health of our employees and the safety of our customers.

Workers responsibilities:

- Employees need to take steps to protect themselves.
- If the employees have symptoms of acute respiratory illness (i.e. fever, cough, shortness of breath) they must stay home and not come to work until free of symptoms for at least 72 hours, without the use of medicine.

Social Distancing:

- Limit work in occupied areas to only those tasks that are strictly necessary.
- Limited physical contact with others.
- Direct employees to increase personal space to at least six feet where possible.
- Take break and lunch in shifts to reduce the size of the group in the lunch area at any one time to fewer than 10 people.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Gloves – Gloves should be worn at all the times while on site. The type of gloves worn should be appropriate to the task. If gloves are not typically required for the task, then any type of glove is acceptable, including latex gloves.
- Eye protection – Eye protection should be worn all times while on site.
- Face Mask – The CDC is currently not recommending that healthy people wear face mask. Contractors should continue to provide and direct employees to wear face mask if the work requires it.

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Sanitation and cleanliness

- Promote frequent and thorough hand wash often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- All sites should have handwashing stations readily available to all workers. If large site, have handwashing from portable job site toilet provider.
- All workers should wash their hands before and after entering any workspace, as well as regularly and periodically throughout the day.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces within the workplace multiple times each day.
- Disinfectant wipes should be available and used to periodically wipes down each day any surface (doorknobs, keyboards, remote controls, desk, etc.)
- Employees performing cleaning must be issued proper PPE, such as nitrile gloves and eye or face protection as needed.
- Any trash from the job site should be changed frequently by someone wearing gloves.

Construction Industry resources:

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Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA)
Oregon OSHA
Oregon Construction Contractors Board

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HEALTHY AND SAFETY HOME AND WORKSITE

Pro Heating and Cooling, Inc. is taking measures according to the CDC and implementing each one according to the situation that each employee performs. If the workers are entering to occupied buildings and/or homes those are the next steps to follow:

- All workers should evaluate the specific hazard involving potential COVID-19 when determining best practices.
- Require the customer to clean and sanitize the work area before workers arrive on site.
- Technicians should sanitize the work areas themselves when they arrive, throughout the workday, and immediately before they leave.
- Require customers to keep household pets away from the work area.
- Ask that occupants keep a personal distance of at least 10 feet.
- Do not accept payments on site – No cash or checks exchanged – Require payments over the phone or electronic.
- Workers should immediately wash hands before starting and after completing the work.

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