BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PLAN

CONSTRUCTION

2020
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION
This document is intended to guide business owners, executives and managers by providing Best Management Practices (BMPs) in COVID-19 mitigation for industry-specific operations and settings. The practices included in this guide were developed in partnership with local industry leaders, and have been approved by the Sonoma County Department of Health, as well as its Health Officer, Dr. Sundari Mase.

The information set forth is to provide guidelines on BMPs for use once state and local health orders allow your specific business operations to partially or fully reopen. More information on current status, methodology and progress through the reopening phases can be found at the links below:

California Resilience Roadmap
County of Sonoma Health Orders

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Refer to the EDB Business Mitigation Measures Checklist for mitigation measures required by the Sonoma County Department of Health.

MINIMIZING IN-PERSON INTERACTIONS:
Construction-related firms and trades businesses should:
1. Encourage staff who are able to tele-work to do so.
2. Arrange or eliminate workspace obstacles, tools or machinery to provide room for physical distancing.
3. Create traffic pathways in physical spaces to minimize physical interactions where possible using floor stickers, arrows, and other methods to clearly mark these pathways.
4. Provide alternatives to personal interactions, sales, previews and customer walk-throughs via sales calls and phone/video conferencing.
5. Control/monitor access to job sites and confined spaces such as attics or crawlspaces, and ensure vehicles are limited to single occupancy where possible.
6. Communicate expectations and protocols to subcontractors and tradespersons.

DAILY MONITORING OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:
1. Require all employees to perform a self-check for COVID-19 symptoms before reporting to work site or other assignment away from home. This can be done using the Sonoma County SoCo COVID-19 Check available on the Apple and Google App stores, or on the SoCo Emergency website. If web access is an issue, companies may develop paper checklists.
2. Employers must verify on site that all employees not able to tele-work do not have a temperature of more than 100 Fahrenheit before reporting for work.
3. Provide face coverings and other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) that is compatible with PPE already generally/regularly in use in construction activities, and ensure correct usage at all times for employee and customer safety.

MANAGING HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES:
1. Train employees on all measures and protocols applicable to their function or role prior to returning to work at place of business.
2. Ensure frequent sanitation of shared resources such as tools, materials, and restrooms.
3. Ensure handwashing facilities are provided at work sites, whether in the office or in the field.
4. Ensure non-local subcontractors have certified to do business within the county, and are prepared to enforce requisite mitigation requirements.
5. Provide visible, easily-accessible protocols on each jobsite.
6. Implement a safety officer to ensure employee compliance with protocols.