



# RESTARTING MAINE'S ECONOMY

## COVID19 Prevention Checklist Industry Guidance

The State of Maine has adopted a staged approach, supported by science, public health expertise and industry collaboration, to allow Maine businesses to safely open when the time is right. The plan is available at [www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine](http://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine).

This is one of many industry guidance documents that the State is preparing for businesses so they can be prepared to meet health guidelines and reopen safely. Please make sure you pair this document with the general guidance document that applies to all industries, which is available on [maine.gov/DECD](http://maine.gov/DECD).

Please note: This document may be updated as additional information and resources become available.

### **Phase 1: Construction** *Released May 20, 2020*

#### **Operations**

- Reduce size of work crews. Teams should reduce the number of people in each work crew to the minimum number of people possible to perform the task safely.
- Minimize interaction between work teams. Strategies include staggered shifts, compressed work weeks where different teams work different days, and maximizing geographic distance between different teams working on the same project.
- Avoid contact with visitors. Visitors outside the typical work crew should avoid interaction with the team. Should an inspector or materials delivery needs to enter the work site, they should alert the work team so that the work team can vacate the site during the presence of visitors.
- Construction teams should make every effort to limit activities that cannot be performed within 6 feet of distance between workers. In those circumstances, supplemental PPE such as face shields or respirators may be appropriate.
- Office work should be done remotely, whenever possible. Office functions associated with a project (e.g. accounting or records) should be done from home to the maximum extent practicable.
- Use online technology or phone for office meetings and consultations to reduce the need for in-person meetings. Any necessary in-person meetings must be limited to fewer than 10 people using physical distancing. Meeting room surfaces should be disinfected before and after the meeting.
- Construction workers should not congregate for lunch or other breaks.

- Portable toilets on job sites must be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Clean all light and heavy-duty equipment with common touch surfaces before and after operation using EPA approved disinfectants discussed above. These surfaces include door handles, grab bars, instrument panels, gear shifts, and steering wheels.
- Construction employees should wear all standard worksite personal protective equipment (PPE), especially eye protection and gloves, as well as other standard safety equipment (e.g. reflective vests or jackets). Occupational facemasks should be limited to specific activities for which they are typically required. Face coverings can be used for activities where a facemask is not required. PPE should not be shared between members of a work team.
- Require employees to travel separately to and from, and within, worksites at this time.
- Reschedule work to maximize the amount of work being performed outdoors, limit indoor or work lacking significant fresh air.
- Follow all safety and health protocols when using an elevator.