

Construction Site and COVID-19: Health and Safety Resources

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We understand that your inbox, Twitter feed and the news are full of COVID-19 updates, articles and notices.

The recommendations and information about health and safety are being updated frequently and we appreciate that it is difficult to keep up to date, while still operating.

To assist with this, we have compiled a list of resources providing guidance on health and safety measures for construction sites. We will be updating this page at least weekly, but if you have suggestions for other resources to be added, please contact [James De Melo](#).

If you have any questions as to how the information in these resources or COVID-19 may affect your construction site, please contact [Faren Bogach](#) or [Paul Conrod](#). If you have any questions as to whether the specific steps you have already taken comply with your obligations under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* or any other health and safety regulation, please contact [Megan Mah](#).

COVID-19 Specific Resources

Resource	Description	Updated Date
Best Practices – Responding to a Suspected COVID-19 Exposure:	This document produced by IHSA provides a brief overview of some of the steps that employers and constructors should take to comply with their obligations under the <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act</i> in the event of a suspected COVID-19 exposure.	June 3, 2020
City of Toronto COVID-19 Resources :	Published by the City of Toronto, this resource provides an overview on the steps Toronto is taking to combat COVID-19 and an explanation of how these steps impact businesses operating within the City.	June 3, 2020
The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):	This bulletin published and updated by the Ministry of Health provides an overview of the status of COVID-19 in Ontario, as well as a summary list of health and safety best practices.	June 3, 2020
Halton Region COVID-19 Resources :	Similar to the resources provided by Toronto and Mississauga, this resource provides Halton's response to the COVID-19 state of emergency and the impacts on businesses operating within the Region.	June 3, 2020
City of Mississauga COVID-19 Resources:	Published by the City of Mississauga, this resource provides an overview on the steps Mississauga is taking to combat COVID-19 and an explanation of how these steps impact businesses operating within the City.	June 3, 2020
Reopening Ontario After COVID-19:	Similar to the Framework for Reopening Ontario After COVID-19 publication, this update provides a brief explanation on the considerations that will inform each stage of the province's reopening.	June 2, 2020
Essential Services Open During the	This resource lists the "Essential Services" which are able to remain open during the	May 31, 2020

<u>Shutdown:</u>	COVID-19 state of emergency. For more details on how this list impacts the construction industry specifically, see this article by Faren Bogach, Paul Conrod and James De Melo.	Apr. 30, 2020
<u>Construction Site Health and Safety During COVID-19:</u>	This collection of best-practices and resources published by the Ministry of Labour provides an overview of the specific steps that employers and employees should be taking on construction sites to minimize the spread of COVID-19.	May 29, 2020
<u>IHSA COVID-19 Links & Resources:</u>	Another collection of COVID-19 resources, this link contains a particular focus on transportation resources and best practices for those engaged in the transportation of construction materials.	May 21, 2020
<u>A Framework for Reopening Ontario After COVID-19</u>	Provided by the Government of Ontario, this overview document explains the staged approach Ontario will be taking to reopening its economy.	May 19, 2020
<u>TARION Response to COVID-19:</u>	A collection of resources provided by TARION, this statement contains a series of advisories and further resources for builders, including an explanation of TARION's position on unavoidable delay claims caused by COVID-19.	May 15, 2020
<u>BILD Member Updates Under COVID-19:</u>	This publication from BILD provides a number of sources of information relevant to all members of the construction industry during the COVID-19 outbreak.	May 12, 2020
<u>OGCA COVID-19 Updates and Resources:</u>	This publication by the Ontario General Contractors Association contains a series of updates and links to new information affecting the construction industry as a whole.	May 8, 2020
<u>How to Comply with Updated Construction Safety Guidelines</u>	Published by <i>Canadian Occupational Safety</i> , this interview with Megan Mah provides an overview of the current health and safety guidelines in effect for employers and a discussion on some of the steps that workplaces can take to prepare for construction site safety post-pandemic.	May 7, 2020
<u>Ontario Eases Restrictions on Retail Stores and Essential Construction</u>	An updated announcement from the Government of Ontario relaxing certain restrictions on retailers and construction sites. A more comprehensive discussion on the impacts of this announcement can be found here .	May 6, 2020
<u>OHBA COVID-19 Resources:</u>	Published by the Ontario Home Builders' Association, this page contains a variety of COVID-19 specific resources providing information, guidance and updates to members of the construction industry.	May 5, 2020
<u>Health and Safety Association Guidance Documents for Workplaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak</u>	This announcement by the Government of Ontario includes more than 60 technical sector guidance documents to support employers and employees in remaining safe in the workplace during the COVID-19 outbreak.	Apr. 30, 2020
<u>COCA Health and Safety Association Guidance Documents for Workplaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak</u>	This collection of resources published by the Council of Ontario Construction Associations provides a number of technical sector guidance documents to support employers and employees in remaining safe at the workplace during the COVID-19 Outbreak. A number of these documents explain specific protocols to be followed on site during the outbreak.	Apr. 30, 2020
<u>ORBA COVID-19 Response:</u>	This resource sets out the Ontario Road Builders' Association's response to the COVID-19 state of emergency and a collection of further resources to assist members of the construction industry.	Apr. 30, 2020
<u>CCA COVID-19 Standardized Protocols for All Canadian Construction Sites:</u>	This resource published by the Canadian Construction Association contains a series of recommended protocols which should be considered for implementation on all construction sites in Canada during the COVID-19 outbreak.	Apr. 16, 2020
<u>O.Reg 136/20 Amending O.Reg 82/20:</u>	A regulation amending the essential services list to classify certain short-term construction projects in the food and beverage, and agriculture sectors as essential services.	Apr. 9, 2020
<u>Ontario Accelerates Essential Construction Projects During COVID-19:</u>	This announcement from the Office of the Premier details the decision to extend work hours on essential construction sites to 24 hours a day.	Apr. 8, 2020
<u>Protecting Workers From COVID-19 on the Jobsite:</u>	An Article published by ConstructConnect discussing some suggested health and safety protocols including social distancing on site and screening of employees.	Apr. 8, 2020

<u>Tread Q&A about COVID-19 & best practices for construction material movers:</u>	This resource contains a brief discussion on some example practices instituted by one construction technology company to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 amongst suppliers.	Apr. 6, 2020
<u>OCS Coronavirus Weekly Roundup:</u>	A collection of resources complied by the Ontario Construction Secretariat, this update provides an overview of the more recent developments affecting the construction industry.	Apr. 2, 2020
<u>Ontario Stepping Up Measures to Limit the Spread of COVID-19 on Construction Sites:</u>	This statement from the Ontario Minister of Labour emphasizes the need to implement stronger health and safety measures on construction sites including for example, better sanitization protocols and staggered shifts.	Mar. 29, 2020
<u>CCA Lays out Standardized Set of Health and Safety Protocols to Help Job Sites Contend with Coronavirus:</u>	Published by On-site Magazine, this article contains a brief overview of the health and safety protocols set out in the CCA guide for on-site safety during the COVID-19 outbreak	

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