

COVID-19

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR SCREENING PERSONNEL

PURPOSE

As part of the process of screening workers who enter construction sites for symptoms of COVID-19, every effort will be made to protect the people performing temperature screening and observation, so they do not contract COVID-19. The following precautions must be taken, at a minimum. All procedures must comply with known legal requirements.

1	At a minimum, COVID-19 site screening areas are to be stocked with adequate and appropriate supplies: - Initial Screening Area – thermometer, appropriate gloves, face masks and sanitizing products (alcohol wipes, hand sanitizer, etc) - Secondary Screening Area including a screening questionnaire – all items listed above with the addition of an enclosure or room for isolation, printed questionnaire, clipboards, pens, chair and table.
2	A Daily Safe Task Instruction (DSTI) or Toolbox Talk is to be created and reviewed daily by the people performing screening tasks. This DSTI must include the potential hazards and controls involved in safely conducting the screening process.
3	Initial temperature screening to be completed by use of a non-contact, scanning temporal thermometer and observation of COVID-19 symptoms such as cough and difficulty breathing. In the case a non-contact scanning temporal thermometer is unavailable, other measurement devices/methods are to be utilized. If a secondary temperature test is required based on an initial temperature reading exceeding the established 38 degrees, a contact thermometer may be used to quantify the initial temperature reading.
4	All containers for disposal of gloves, wipes and other screening-involved trash is to be double-bagged and securely tied before disposal.
5	All people performing COVID-19 screening tasks must be equipped with proper PPE which, at a minimum, includes: - Fluid Resistant Face Mask (e.g. N-95) - Examination Gloves - Safety Glasses or face shield
6	In the event that a worker being screened presents an elevated temperature or exhibits other COVID-19 signs and symptoms (cough, headache, difficulty breathing) before screening next worker, the screener shall: - Remove gloves, wash/sanitize hands and apply new gloves - Sanitize glasses
7	Workers who are required to complete the secondary screening process are immediately to be given a mask that is to be worn until the time they exit the project
8	Cleaning is required after anyone completes the secondary screening process. Items to be cleaned as applicable are: handrails, door knobs, tables, chairs, clipboards, pens and other surfaces that a worker may have come in contact while entering the project and during the screening. These items must be disinfected before the next workers are screened.
9	Screeners in the secondary screening process are to wash/sanitize hands prior to leaving the screening area.
10	Every effort must be made to protect the privacy of the worker, and that information remains confidential at all times.