

Townsend & Schmidt Masonry

COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

This CPP is designed to minimize and control employees' exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19).

Authority and Responsibility

Troy D. Brewer, President, has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers, supervisors, and foreman are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas or job sites and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies, and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards

We implement the following in our workplace:

- Conduct workplace-specific evaluations.
- Document the vaccination status of our employees as a confidential medical record.
- Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter, our workplace.
- Develop COVID-19 policies and procedures to respond effectively and immediately to individuals at the workplace who are a COVID-19 case to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission in the workplace:
 - If you are sick – stay home!
 - Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds – if there is no soap, use the provided alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - Cover your mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash.
 - Avoid shaking hands or hugging people.
 - Avoid touching face with unwashed hands.
 - Do not share cups, mugs, plates, bowls, utensils, etc.
 - Eliminate unnecessary large gatherings and meetings. Limit meetings to essential personnel only.
 - Limit all travel to only that which is essential to operating the business.
 - Limit personal airline travel as much as possible and avoid going to countries which are on the CDC's list of affected areas.
 - Be familiar with any materials available regarding COVID-19; how it spreads, early symptoms, prevention guidelines, etc.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick, including family members.
 - Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, such as tools, keyboards, light switches, and tables.
 - Add COVID-19 as a topic of discussion for weekly safety meetings.
 - Increase cleaning in offices, bathrooms, and eating areas using alcohol-based cleaners.
 - Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, such as hand tools, keyboards, light switches, and tables.
 - Understand what to do, and who to contact, if someone at a job site or the office is exposed.
- Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
- Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
- Conduct periodic inspections as needed to identify and evaluate unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Employee screening

Best efforts will be made to evaluate workers daily through the completion of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Attestation for Worksite Entry form. The screening may also include taking each person's temperature using a non-contact thermometer. If the thermometer shows a reading of 100.4 F degrees or higher, the individual will not be allowed to remain on the job site or office and will be advised to seek medical evaluation.

Workers may also be observed throughout the day for signs of persistent coughing, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, chills or sweating, or obvious nasal congestion. If any of these symptoms are observed, the worker may be asked a few questions to further understand the nature of these symptoms. If there is any concern that the observed person may have the flu or the COVID-19 virus, they will be instructed to leave and seek medical evaluation.

Correction of COVID-19 Hazards

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures are documented and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards.

Control of COVID-19 Hazards

Face Coverings

Clean, undamaged face coverings are to be properly worn by employees that are not fully vaccinated when they are indoors or in vehicles, and where required by orders from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Employees required to wear face coverings in our workplace may remove them under the following conditions:

- When an employee is alone in a room or a vehicle.
- While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent feasible.
- Employees are required to wear respirators in accordance with our respirator program that meets section 5144 requirements.
- Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Such employees will wear an effective, non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if their condition permits it.
- Specific tasks that cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time in which such tasks are being performed.

Any employee not wearing a required face covering or allowed non-restrictive alternative, will be at least six feet apart from all other persons unless the unmasked employee is either fully vaccinated or tested at least weekly for COVID-19.

We will not prevent any employee from wearing a face covering when it is not required unless it would create a safety hazard, such as interfering with the safe operation of equipment.

Engineering controls

For indoor locations, we identify and evaluate how to maximize, to the extent feasible, ventilation with outdoor air using the highest filtration efficiency compatible with our existing ventilation system, and whether the use of portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units, or other air cleaning systems, would reduce the risk of transmission.

Cleaning and disinfecting

We implement the following cleaning and disinfection measures for frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs, elevator buttons, equipment, tools, handrails, handles, controls, phones, headsets, bathroom surfaces, and steering wheels.

Hand sanitizing

To implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we have provided hand sanitizer to be used at the beginning and end of each shift, as well as prior to eating, and after using the rest room.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) used to control employees' exposure to COVID-19

We evaluate the need for PPE (such as gloves, goggles, and face shields) as required by section 3380, and provide and ensure use of such PPE as needed.

Testing of symptomatic employees

We make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to employees with COVID-19 symptoms who are not fully vaccinated, during employees' paid time.

Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases

We have developed effective procedure to investigate COVID-19 cases that include seeking information from our employees regarding COVID-19 cases, close contacts, test results, and onset of symptoms.

System for Communicating

Our goal is to ensure that we have effective two-way communication with our employees, in a form they can readily understand, and that it includes the following information:

- Who employees should report COVID-19 symptoms, possible close contacts and hazards to, and how.
- That employees can report symptoms, possible close contacts, and hazards without fear of reprisal.
- How employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness can request accommodations.
- Access to COVID-19 testing when testing is required.
- The COVID-19 hazards employees (including other employers and individuals in contact with our workplace) may be exposed to, what is being done to control those hazards, and our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Training and Instruction

We provide effective employee training and instruction that includes:

- Our COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards, and how to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards.
- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits (including mandated sick and vaccination leave) to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- The fact that:
 - COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
 - COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - An infectious person may have no symptoms.
- The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19 and are most effective when used in combination.

- The right of employees that are not fully vaccinated to request a respirator for voluntary use, without fear of retaliation, and our policies for providing the respirators. Employees voluntarily using respirators will be trained according to section 5144(c)(2) requirements:
 - How to properly wear them.
 - How to perform a seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn, and the fact that facial hair can interfere with a seal.
- The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.
- Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment. Since COVID-19 is an airborne disease, N95s and more protective respirators protect the users from airborne disease, while face coverings primarily protect people around the user.
 - The conditions where face coverings must be worn at the workplace.
 - That face coverings are additionally recommended outdoors for people who are not fully vaccinated if six feet of distance cannot be maintained.
 - Employees can request face coverings and can wear them at work regardless of vaccination status and without fear of retaliation.
- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of obtaining a COVID-19 test and not coming to work if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.
- Information on our COVID-19 policies and how to access COVID-19 testing and vaccination, and the fact that vaccination is effective at preventing COVID-19, protecting against both transmission and serious illness or death.

Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Employees who had a Close Contact

Where we have a COVID-19 case or close contact in our workplace, we limit transmission by:

- Ensuring that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until our return-to-work requirements are met.
- Excluding employees that had a close contact from the workplace until our return-to-work criteria have been met, with the following exceptions:
 - Employees who were fully vaccinated before the close contact and who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms.
 - COVID-19 cases who returned to work per our return-to-work criteria and have remained free of COVID-19 symptoms, for 90 days after the initial onset of COVID-19 symptoms, or for COVID-19 cases who never developed COVID-19 symptoms, for 90 days after the first positive test.
- For employees excluded from work, continuing, and maintaining employees' earnings, wages, seniority, and all other employees' rights and benefits.
- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access

It is our policy to:

- Report information about COVID-19 cases and outbreaks at our workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department.
- Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with section 3203(b).
- Make our written COVID-19 Prevention Program available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of Cal/OSHA immediately upon request.
- Keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases.

Return-to-Work Criteria

- **COVID-19 cases with symptoms** will not return to work until all the following have occurred:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since a fever of 100.4 °F. or higher has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications, and
 - COVID-19 symptoms have improved, and
 - At least 10 days have passed since COVID-19 symptoms first appeared.
- **COVID-19 cases who tested positive but never developed symptoms** will not return to work until a minimum of 10 days have passed since the date of specimen collection of their first positive COVID-19 test.
- Persons who had a close contact may return to work as follows:
 - Close contact but never developed symptoms: when 10 days have passed since the last known close contact.
 - Close contact with symptoms: when the “cases with symptoms” criteria (above) have been met, unless the following are true:
 - The person tested negative for COVID-19 using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test with specimen taken after the onset of symptoms; and
 - At least 10 days have passed since the last known close contact, and
 - The person has been symptom-free for at least 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medications.
- If an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee will not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted.