

CFMEU

CONSTRUCTION

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS RE COVID-19 ON-SITE AS AT 25.03.20

EMPLOYERS:

In consultation with workers and/or their Health and Safety representatives (HSRs):

- identify workers and work activities at greatest risk of spreading infectious diseases
- assess the likelihood and consequence of infection to workers and others in the workplace
- identify suitable control measures to eliminate or minimise risks (expert advice may be needed)
- encourage ill workers to remain away from work when unwell
- develop an implementation plan

ON-SITE:

- Make alcohol-based hand sanitising dispensers and soap available in prominent places around the workplace and ensure they are regularly refilled
- Make sure that staff, contractors and customers have access to facilities where they can wash their hands with soap and water
- Ensure an adequate supply of paper tissues is available throughout the workplace
- Provide closed bins for hygienic disposal of used tissues
- Identify and assess the likely risks at the workplace and those associated with the way work is performed (eg: **are workers/customers more than 1.5 metres away** from each other; design of work activities;)
- Implement suitable control measures to eliminate or minimise risks, this may include encouraging social distancing, reducing non-essential face to face meetings/gatherings, staggered start time and breaks, segregation of work groups and sheds, limiting numbers of workers in hoists
- Expert advice may be required for high risk work environments or tasks

SYSTEMS SHOULD BE IN PLACE TO ENSURE:

- High touch surfaces (e.g. counters, desks chairs and tables) and objects are wiped with disinfectant regularly, particularly in and around hoists and site sheds and stair cases.
- Areas where there is public access will also require frequent additional cleaning and disinfection
- Ensure infection control procedures are reviewed in consultation with cleaning staff and they have access to suitable personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Adequate supplies of cleaning equipment and necessary PPE are available

EVERYONE SHOULD:

- Stay away from work if unwell
- Avoid physical contact
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand rub; particular attention must be taken when using the toilet and eating food.
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or into elbow
- Dispose of tissues immediately
- Workers must co-operate with their employer in implementing risk control measures and must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure they don't do anything that creates or increases a risk to the health and safety of themselves or others.

BY LAW YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO WORK IF IT'S UNSAFE TO DO SO. IF ANY OF THIS IS NOT HAPPENING ON YOUR SITE CONTACT THE CFMEU ON (02) 9749 0400

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