

COVID-19 Executive Order No. 20-12

What the Oregon Construction Industry Needs to Do to Comply

Non-essential businesses in Oregon have been prohibited from operating; other businesses have been ordered to only operate under specific conditions. Because construction was not listed as a “non-essential business,” your company may continue construction operations in Oregon as currently scheduled and underway. Effective at midnight Monday, March 23, 2020, your company must implement the following:

- It is critical to our industry that your company take the social distancing requirements seriously.
- Immediately designate a social distancing officer (SDO) to establish, implement, and enforce social distancing policies for your business operations. You must also designate a social distancing officer for each job site. These SDOs must be on site at all times to be in compliance with EO No. 20-12.
- The designated social distancing officer must also enforce social distancing policies as they relate to business-critical visitors.
- Work in offices is prohibited whenever telework and work-at-home options are available. Please require as many employees as possible to work from their homes. If your business has this available technology, then you must require it of your employees that have the capability.
- Follow the COVID 19 Job-Site Safety & Health Practices available on the [AGC Oregon-Columbia Chapter website \(https://www.agc-oregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-Job-Site-Practices.pdf\)](https://www.agc-oregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID-19-Job-Site-Practices.pdf).
- Contractors should continually evaluate the specific hazards at their jobsites along with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) recommendations \(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html) to determine the most appropriate job hazard analysis for the project/task as it relates to the spread and/or transmission of COVID-19.

Please contact your assigned AGC safety management consultant or the director of Safety Services, Dennis Barlow, with any questions: dennisb@agc-oregon.org.