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Victoria's Big Build – coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Thank you to the Victorian construction industry for your focus on keeping our construction workforce and the broader community safe during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The proactive and preventative measures you have introduced and supported have been highly successful and allowed us to keep Victoria's \$70 billion Big Build moving and, importantly, kept Victorians in jobs.

We must remain vigilant

We are facing an unprecedented global challenge and, as recent weeks have shown, we must remain vigilant to suppress coronavirus and keep building big together.

We are looking for new ways to prevent the spread of coronavirus, enable rapid identification of suspected or confirmed cases and improve systems to identify close contacts and isolate impacted work zones.

Additional measures may include:

- Temperature screening of workers and visitors, noting this has now been included in the coronavirus guidelines for the Building and Construction Industry Victoria Revision 4.
- Worker screening solutions to ensure dedicated responses to fitness for work questions at the commencement of shifts, as well as background contact tracing capabilities.
- Internal audits to validate coronavirus prevention measures for subcontractors and peripheral contractors and suppliers, including cleaners, security, traffic management, drivers and off-site work locations.
- Targeted communications to promote safe behaviours – Major Transport Infrastructure Authority (MTIA) will soon provide a pack of communication materials that can be used on site to further promote site safety during the coronavirus pandemic, with rollout the responsibility of each project.
- Dedicated zones or bubble employee groups to restrict staff contact and positive case impacts.

We encourage you to consider how you could implement these additional measures on site.

Building big together

This is a challenging time for our construction sector and the broader community.

We'll continue working in partnership with contractors and unions to secure this vital sector for Victoria. That includes working to monitor supply chain and overcome any issues that may arise as we set about transforming our transport network for future generations.

There are several resources already available to guide construction workplace safety, including coronavirus.vic.gov.au and WorkSafe guidance which provides the foundation for coronavirus prevention measures as well as management processes in the event of a positive case being diagnosed. As outlined above, MTIA will soon provide a pack of communications materials that can be used to further promote site safety.

Thank you again for the leadership you have shown in proactively responding to this pandemic – and for considering and sharing new measures to suppress the spread of coronavirus. Through collaboration and continued open dialogue we will ensure that our workforce keeps safe and keeps working.

Yours sincerely,



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