

Building and Construction Industry Requirements for Open with a COVIDSafe Plan

[NB. Only applicable once Open is declared]

Large Scale Construction

Large Scale Construction sites have no workforce number restrictions under the Open with a COVIDSafe Plan Third Step of Victoria's Roadmap for Re-opening, but must have:

- A site specific High Risk COVIDSafe Plan (in the template required by the Victorian government) supported by procedures and processes including:
 - Notification procedures to appropriate authorities including DHHS and Worksafe
 - Site case response risk assessment and closure procedures
 - Cleaning and disinfecting regimes
 - Case response deep cleaning procedures
 - Workplace mapping and contact tracing procedures in event of confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) case
- Compliance with Construction Industry Guidelines (Revision 8), including:
 - Mandatory wearing of face masks
 - Pre-start declarations of health for all workers and visitors
 - Temperature screening upon site entry
 - Mandatory wearing of approved PPE and training on correct use
 - Cleaning and hygiene systems, scheduled and audited
 - Physical distancing practiced throughout site in common and work areas
 - Minimize work activities in restricted spaces
 - Controls implemented for occupancy of hoists/lifts and waiting areas
 - Staggering of start/finish times and meal/crib breaks
 - Staggering of work shifts (where used) to avoid overlap and include cleaning time between starts
- Workplace mapping and contact tracing tools and processes are to be able to identify:
 - The day and time work was undertaken
 - Members of teams that worked together
 - Specific work area on the construction site
 - Any breaks taken, including time and location
 - Workplace mapping and contact tracing systems may include commercially available electronic wearable devices meeting the above requirements.
- Provision of COVIDSafe Marshal(s) on each site
- Site inductions, pre-starts and toolbox meetings to be held in suitably ventilated (open air where possible) in accordance with physical distancing, hygiene and PPE requirements
- CALD resources and messaging

Small Scale Construction

Small Scale Construction sites have no workforce number restrictions under the Open with a COVIDSafe Plan Third Step of Victoria's Roadmap for Re-opening, but must have:

- A site specific High Risk COVIDSafe Plan (in the template required by the Victorian government) supported by procedures and processes including:

- Notification procedures to appropriate authorities including DHHS and Worksafe
- Site case response risk assessment and closure procedures
- Cleaning and disinfecting regimes
- Case response deep cleaning procedures
- Workplace mapping and contact tracing procedures in event of confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) case
- Compliance with Construction Industry Guidelines (Revision 8) including
 - Mandatory wearing of face coverings
 - Pre-start declarations of health for all workers and visitors
 - Temperature screening upon site entry (recommended)
 - Mandatory wearing of appropriate PPE and training on correct use
 - Cleaning and hygiene systems, scheduled and audited
 - Physical distancing practiced throughout site in common and work areas
 - Minimize work activities in restricted spaces
 - Controls implemented for occupancy of hoists/lifts and waiting areas
- Workplace Mapping processes in the event of a confirmed positive case
- Site closure risk assessment protocols and deep cleaning procedures
- Tool box meetings to be conducted outdoors
- Display homes to open by appointment only
- Construction activities external to a residential premise, such as a garage or rooftop, can now proceed
- Permit construction activities at owner occupied sites where it is possible to create a physical barrier between workers and occupants and / or the occupier can temporarily vacate the premises for duration of the works
- CALD resources and messaging

Early Stage Land Development

Early Stage Land Development sites have no workforce number of worker restrictions under the Open with a COVIDSafe Plan Third Step of Victoria's Roadmap for Re-opening, but must have:

- A site specific High Risk COVIDSafe Plan (in the template required by the Victorian government) supported by procedures and processes including:
 - Notification procedures to appropriate authorities including DHHS and Worksafe
 - Site case response risk assessment and closure procedures
 - Cleaning and disinfecting regimes
 - Case response deep cleaning procedures
 - Workplace mapping and contact tracing procedures in event of confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) case
- Compliance with Construction Industry Guidelines (Revision 8) including
 - Mandatory wearing of face coverings
 - Symptom declarations by all workers and visitors accessing site
 - Worker declarations at start of each shift
 - Temperature screening upon site entry (recommended)
 - Mandatory wearing of appropriate PPE and training on correct use
 - Cleaning and hygiene systems, scheduled and audited
 - Physical distancing practiced throughout site in common and work areas
 - Minimize work activities in restricted spaces
- Workplace Mapping processes in the event of a confirmed positive case
- Site closure risk assessment protocols and deep cleaning procedures
- Tool box meetings to be conducted outdoors