



Stay Home Stay Safe

Rules for the Construction Industry

Frequently Asked Question

What are these rules based on?

These rules are based on the COVID-19 Safety Recommendations issued by the Construction Industry Safety Coalition. The purpose of these rules is to outline the steps that every employer and employee must take to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The rules describe how to prevent worker exposure to coronavirus, protective measures to be taken on the job site, and cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

What are “elective construction and maintenance”?

Elective construction and maintenance refers to any new construction, including but not limited to, additions, alterations, conversions, expansions, reconstruction, renovations, rehabilitations, and replacements, that is primarily intended to increase the value or aesthetics of a residence or business. Construction or maintenance needed for the safety or continued use of a residence or business is not considered elective under this Order.

I started a remodeling project for my home or business before the Order was issued. Do I need to stop?

We recognize that incomplete construction projects can pose a safety concern, so only “new” construction is prohibited under the Order. New construction is any “elective construction or maintenance” project that would begin on or after 12:01 AM on March 30, 2020.

Do I need to reduce my staff by 50 percent?

All contractors must make an effort to implement shift work on their site. Additionally, construction sites may only have as many workers as the space allows to maintain a 6 foot distance between workers. This analysis will be different for different construction sites based on space and type of work done. If a complaint is filed against a contractor or site, Dallas County will require proof that the contractor made efforts to implement shift work and what steps were taken by the contractor to do so.