

REOPENING GUIDANCE

Landscape/ Construction

The following is intended as a plain language summary of rules for reopening in the Green Phase and does not replace the need to follow all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

See also:

[PA guidance for businesses in the construction industry.](#)

[PA guidance for businesses permitted to operate during COVID-19 emergency](#) Order of the Secretary of the Health providing business safety measures.

[Philadelphia executive](#) order allowing construction activity.

Protections Needed

Masks

- Provide masks for employees.
- Require employees to mask while on site with exception for breaks to eat and drink, which must be taken at least 6 feet from others.

Isolate

- Ask employees to screen themselves for symptoms before every shift and prevent them from remaining on site if they have cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, or new loss of taste or smell.
- It is not necessary to conduct on-site temperature measurement for staff. If you measure temperatures, use a no-touch thermometer, and do not allow anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher to remain on-site.
- Have sick leave policies in place so that employees excluded from the workplace do not lose earnings.
- If an employee develops COVID-19 infection or has a positive test, businesses and other organizations must take additional precautions to stop the virus from spreading further, as described in [Guidance for Essential Businesses and Organizations During COVID-19](#). Required precautions include calling PDPH at 215-685-5488 to report positive cases.

Distance

- Adjust work assignments to ensure employees can stay 6 feet from each other throughout their shifts and follow limits on workers per site according to city and state requirements below.
- For construction, no more than 4 workers per residential dwelling unit; no more than 4 workers per 2000 sq. ft. at commercial sites; 1 extra worker allowed per additional 500 sq. ft.
- Use non-contact payment methods if possible.

Handwashing

- Provide handwashing stations or hand sanitizer and encourage frequent hand hygiene.

Clean

- Wipe down shared equipment with disinfectant at least every 4 hours and between users. Sanitize shared tools. See [CDC guidance](#) for details.

Communicate

- Educate employees about symptoms and prevention of COVID-19; employ Site Safety Manager for construction sites as required by State and local guidance (see below).
- Remind all employees to:
 - Stay home if they are sick or have had contact with someone with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
 - Cover coughs or sneezes.
 - Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet.
 - Wear masks (see above).