



Dear Contractors, Subcontractors and Staff at construction sites,

Escalate COVID-19 risk management at construction sites

The COVID-19 epidemic continues to rampage. All site staff should follow the anti-epidemic guidelines from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) and heighten the risk management at construction sites. Below are some recommended measures **for reference**:

	If a confirmed or preliminary confirmed case is found among site staff	If site staff is a close contact or household member of a confirmed or preliminary confirmed case (e.g. family of confirmed case)
Site Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact CHP immediately and follow relevant guidelines, such as arranging COVID-19 testing for site staffs and disinfecting the site.• According to the current guidelines from CHP, construction sites should conduct contact tracing and identify close contacts of the confirmed case. Close contacts should not return to the site and should undergo quarantine and testing* as instructed by the CHP until a completion of quarantine and negative test result is obtained. Clean and disinfect all potentially contaminated surfaces and items thoroughly according to infection control guidelines.• As CHP has no instruction for staff who are not close contacts, sites may consider:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Arranging staff who are not close contacts with confirmed cases, yet potentially share the same premise	<p>Sites should immediately:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Arrange staff who are close contacts to undergo quarantine and testing* as instructed by the CHP until completion of quarantine and a negative test result is obtained.2) Clean and disinfect all potentially contaminated surfaces and items thoroughly according to infection control guidelines.



	<p>and items, to undergo testing* as soon as possible and obtain a negative test result before returning to site.</p> <p>➤ Closely monitoring the condition of other staff and arrange testing* as required.</p>	
	<p>During the COVID-19 pandemic, construction sites should always:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance daily cleaning and disinfection in construction sites (e.g. site entrance, changing room, resting room, conference room, staff canteen, security station etc.); and • Follow the anti-epidemic precautionary procedures closely, such as reminding staff to wear mask properly, tightening access control (e.g checking the vaccination and regular testing records), maintaining adequate ventilation and proper resting room arrangements. • Arrange staffs to undergo regular testing* as needed and identify potential cases, to protect the health and safety of workers 	
<p>Workers and site staffs</p>	<p>Site staff who are confirmed positive should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to employers/ company/ site supervisors • Keep social distance with others and wear masks properly. Wait for further notice and arrangement from CHP. 	<p>Other site staff should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor personal health condition. Check body temperature daily and maintain good personal hygiene. Clean and disinfect homes frequently. Avoid sharing of personal items and follow construction site's infection control measures. • Undergo COVID-19 testing* as suggested above. Staff who tested positive should notify CHP as soon as possible.

**Note: Commonly used tests include nucleic acid tests and rapid antigen tests. According to CHP, rapid antigen tests can only serve as a reference and cannot replace the nucleic acid test for diagnosis of COVID-19.*



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The current epidemic development of Hong Kong is of critical concern. The CIC, together with industry stakeholders, will consider implementing vaccine pass requirements in construction sites soon where only vaccinated workers, vaccinated visitors and exempted persons¹ will be permitted to enter construction sites. To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect staff from serious complications or even death after COVID-19 infection, all sites should urge unvaccinated workers and site personnel to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Besides COVID-19 Community Vaccination Centres, all workers and site personnel can also get vaccinated at private doctors/clinics participating in COVID-19 Vaccination Programme free of charge. Relevant lists are available at CHP website. (Link: <https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/zh-HK/VSS>)

Before the implementation of vaccine pass, we encourage all workers, site personnel and visitors to site to get vaccinated. Otherwise, a negative test result must be obtained before entering construction sites. Site supervisors shall stay alert to latest guidelines from CHP and decide the frequency of COVID-19 testing depending on the actual situation (eg. The risk of COVID-19 presented on sites, the required time to obtain test results, etc)

Best Regards,

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Please stay updated to the latest anti-epidemic information via:

- (1) Centre for Health Protection (www.chp.gov.hk)
- (2) Community Vaccination Centres (https://booking.covidvaccine.gov.hk/forms/index_tc.jsp)
- (3) List of Private Doctors/ Clinics enrolled in the Vaccination Programme (<https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/zh-HK/VSS>)

¹Only under the following two circumstances can one be exempted from the vaccination requirement: (1) an individual is ineligible for vaccination due to age; or (2) an individual is unsuitable for vaccination due to health reasons with relevant proof from a doctor.