

GOOD PRACTICE ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19 FOR CONSTRUCTION SITES



INTRODUCTION

This reference is prepared by the Construction Industry Council (CIC) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the risk presented to the construction workers. All industry stakeholders shall adopt and implement the preventive measures recommended and work together to minimise the chance of being infected when working in construction sites. The industry shall use this reference in conjunction with the latest information provided by the Centre for Health Protection. Furthermore, contractors shall consider their operation needs to formulate suitable control measures and review preventive measures from time to time in light of the latest development.

WHEN ENTERING WORK SITE



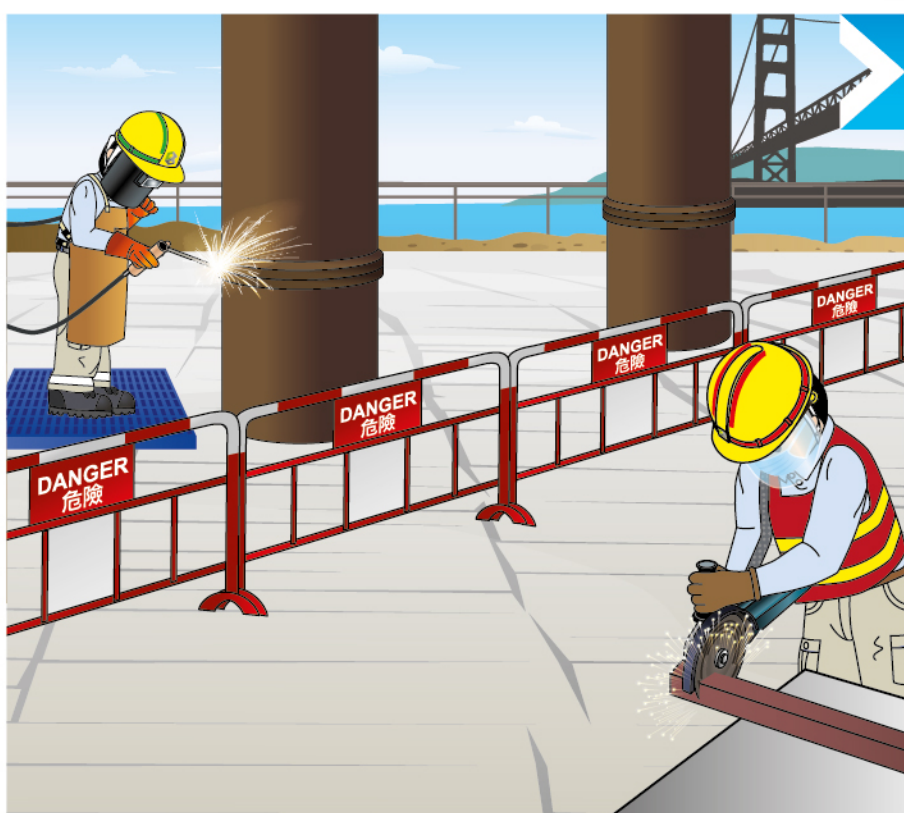
- All personnel entering site must be registered and their personal information, including residential address, contact details, entry time and date must be recorded.
- All personnel entering site must complete the health declaration form, receive a body temperature check, and wear a surgical mask.
- All personnel entering site are encouraged to use the mobile application "LeaveHomeSafe" launched by the Government.
- Coloured stickers should be assigned on helmets to each team of workers for identification purposes to facilitate the prevention measures.
- Latest updates on the pandemic development and training on the relevant control measures to workers should be provided.
- A communication mechanism to manage any suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 should be developed.
- Sample of the health declaration form could be downloaded from the QR code provided in this reference.

USING CHANGING ROOM

- The changing room must have sufficient partitions to separate users. Otherwise, users must wear a mask and maintain a 1.5 metres social distance from other users.
- Based on each facility's size, the number of workers using the changing room at any one time should be specified to meet social distancing requirements.
- Changing rooms need to be well-ventilated, cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- A dedicated changing room for each work team should be provided to minimise the risk of cross-infection. Work teams need to take turns to use the changing room if the site could not provide a sufficient number of changing rooms for different work teams. Changing rooms must be cleaned and disinfected after use by each work team.



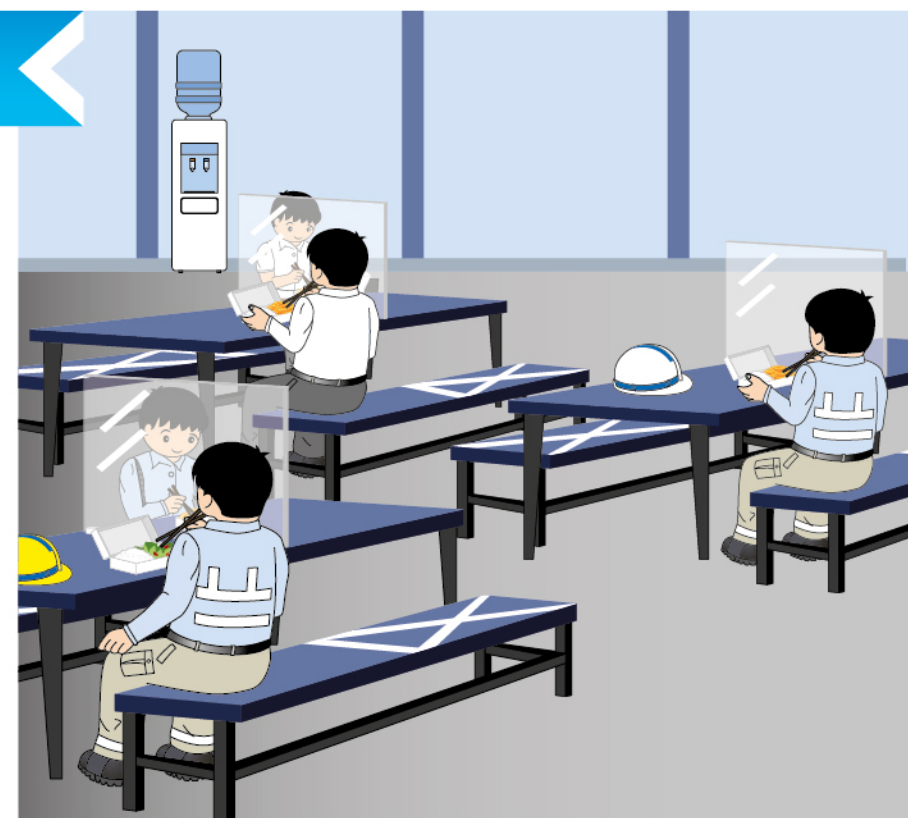
FRONTLINE WORK ARRANGEMENTS



- A flexible working hour (if appropriate) to minimise congestion and contact should be adopted.
- Designated work zones and work teams should be demarcated.
- A demarcated work team could only work in the designated work zone.
- The work zone must be clearly demarcated. Different work teams should maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres when working in the same designated work zone.
- Coloured sticker should be assigned on the helmet to each team of workers for identification.
- Workers should be arranged to work in the same team and worksite to avoid cross-infection with other worksites.

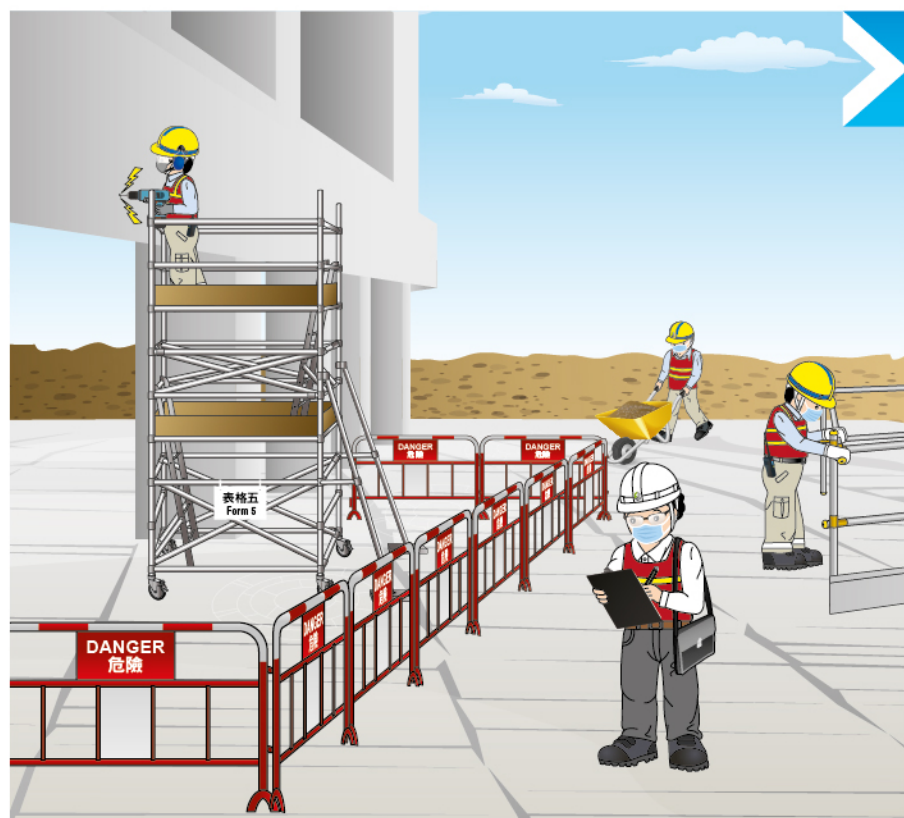
MEAL AND REST ARRANGEMENTS

- Flexible meal and break time should be arranged for separate work teams to reduce the chance of contact between workers. The shared facilities must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after use.
- Lunch box for workers should be arranged if possible.
- Sufficient meal and rest places with space for workers to maintain the 1.5 metres social distancing requirement should be provided.
- Adequate cleaning and disinfection facilities with effective partitions for workers at meal and break places should be provided.



INSPECTION ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- Preventive measures program should be formulated, and anti-epidemic supervisors should be appointed to monitor the implementation and conduct inspection to provide immediate advice and rectification on preventive measures.
- Inspections at morning break, afternoon break, lunch break and end of shift should be conducted to ensure relevant preventive measures have been strictly implemented. If needed, the anti-epidemic supervisor shall conduct an unplanned inspection to ensure that workers follow preventive measures, i.e. wearing masks, etc.
- The management and personnel at all levels of the construction site should conduct a daily review on the implementation of relevant preventive measures.
- Examples of inspection forms for prevention measures could be downloaded from the QR code provided in this leaflet.



GENERAL HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS

- Relevant cleaning and disinfection arrangements should be developed for different locations, tools and facilities in the construction site, in particular for those shared site facilities, such as site entrance gates, meeting rooms, training rooms, changing rooms, toilets and any plant operation cabins.
- Masks (as necessary) and sufficient handwashing facilities such as soap and alcohol-based hand sanitizer should be provided to workers.
- For information on cleaning and disinfection, please refer to the recommendations from the Centre for Health Protection.



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COVID-19 TESTING SERVICE SCHEME

The raging COVID-19 epidemic worsens. To further strengthen the prevention of virus at construction sites, the CIC and the Hong Kong Construction Association (HKCA) with the support of the Development Bureau of the HKSAR Government, have jointly launched "Construction Industry COVID-19 Testing Service Scheme" (the Scheme) on 22 December 2020.

The CIC and the HKCA would share part of the service expenditures, whereas developers / main contractors would only need to pay a partial basic testing fee, so as to provide the nucleic acid COVID-19 testing services to construction workers and site staff who voluntarily join the Scheme, with a view to saving time and resources to collect and return the specimen, facilitating frontline workers to get tested, ensuring their safety and health, as well as protecting their families.

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COVID-19 Testing
Service Scheme



Example of Health
Declaration Form
(For Reference)



Example of Preventive
Measures Inspection Form
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The Centre for Health Protection has set up a hotline for cases of COVID-19 and Respiratory Tract Infection (phone number: 2125 1122, 9am to 8pm) to answer public enquiries. If in doubt, call the Centre for Health Protection.

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