



Department of Public Health and Environment

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Proposal for Economic Recovery - Construction and Landscaping

San Miguel County took early and aggressive measures to protect residents from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). County officials moved swiftly to enact Stay at Home orders and minimize unnecessary gatherings and travel. The strict measures were necessary to slow the spread of the virus. Now we can begin to move slowly and methodically out of strict Stay at Home orders to bring construction and landscaping services back into safe levels of operations. This strategic relaxing of our orders will allow the County Public Health team to monitor each step and act swiftly if any action taken increases the spread of the virus.

The Public Health team, San Miguel County building inspector and local construction and landscaping managers have worked together to establish the following Guidelines, Phased Approach and Requirements. These requirements refer to all construction and landscaping work activities inside and outside any occupied or unoccupied residential or commercial site.

Guidelines

- Public Health will actively monitor the Public Health Recovery criteria to ensure that the County is prepared to prevent or manage unexpected surges. Based on that analysis Public Health may make changes to these Construction and Landscaping Recovery Requirements at any time.
- Once initiated, Public Health will coordinate project monitoring with industry managers and local enforcement personnel and review results to consider whether and when it may be appropriate to move into the next Phase.
- All site managers must review the [OSHA Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#) and all sites must adhere to and post the current [Center for Disease Control's \(CDC\) COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines](#).

Phased Approach

Phase 1

- All employees, contractors or subcontractors are residents of San Miguel County.
- No more than (3) three individuals (employees or contractors) are permitted at the construction site at any time.
- Tasks must be limited to eliminate high risk activities.(eg. high ladder work with only one person on site).



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- Any construction project must apply for the *Construction and Landscaping Form* on the County's website and receive written approval before any work begins.

All phases are subject to change and will include strict adherence to current COVID-19 OSHA and CDC guidelines referenced above.

- Phase 2 - Include employees, contractors or subcontractors within a 20-mile radius of San Miguel County.
- Phase 3 - End geographical limitations for employees, contractors and subcontractors.
- Phase 4 - Allow a maximum of 10 individuals on site.
- Phase 5 - Removal of all restrictions except strict adherence to the current COVID-19 OSHA and CDC standards referenced above.

Site Specific Public Health Requirements

- The site manager must provide appropriate access to proper sanitation and handwashing stations or disinfectant for hand hygiene.
- An assigned individual on each site is required to maintain jobsite checklist including:
 - Name and contact information of all workers on the site
 - Individual health screening responses including:
 - Symptoms of illness (i.e. cough, fever, shortness of breath)
 - Family member(s) ill
 - Known close contact with a positive COVID-19 within a 7-day period.
- Symptomatic workers or those whose family or house members have been in contact with the virus should not be allowed on site at any time.
- Crews on site must remain consistent (eg. if three people are on a job site together, this crew should continue to work together). There should not be intermixing of crews.
- If the introduction of a new individual or team is required at any location where a previous crew has worked, the site should sit idle for at least 24 hours to avoid spread of the virus from one crew to another. If this is not possible, strict disinfection should occur.



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- All individuals must maintain physical distancing of greater than six (6) feet at all times or use face covering for limited periods (less than 10 minutes) if closer contact is required for specific construction related activities.
- Site managers are responsible for adherence to all COVID-19 OSHA standards and CDC guidelines referenced above and must provide the necessary cleaning supplies.
- Sharing of any tools is not permitted.
- All restroom facilities must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected twice per week with ample supplies for handwashing.
- Carpooling to job sites by workers that do not live in the same household is prohibited.
- Individuals and sites must comply with all other current Public Health Orders.

Project Monitoring

- All work sites requesting to begin work must complete the *Construction Protocol Form* available on the County website and receive written approval from the location specific jurisdiction - Town of Telluride, Town of Mountain Village or San Miguel County before initiating any activities onsite. The completed Construction and Landscaping form with all requested signatures must be posted on site and accessible to the public.
- Emergency repairs are considered separate from these requirements and must still apply under the County's Essential Project Approval process.
- Any site found to be non-compliant will be issued an immediate red tag to stop all work for a minimum of 14 days.
- Officials may inspect the site in person, by phone, or virtually at any time.
- Officials may ask employees to vacate the building or areas of the building or site in order to maintain safe distancing requirements.