Consider these steps for employees and contractors working on a construction jobsite to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure. These measures were compiled from currently available guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and Division of Occupational Safety and Health (“DOSH”).

- Develop a company COVID-19 Prevention and Response Plan. The plan should implement current CDC and/or DOSH recommendations for employee and workplace safety. Everyone should be familiar with all aspects of this plan.

- Designate a COVID-19 supervisor who should be on site at all times to enforce the COVID-19 Prevention and Response Plan and monitor employee health.

- Anyone who has symptoms should notify their supervisors and stay home. Supervisors should then notify a human resources representative, who will then follow up with the employee.

- Sick employees should practice CDC-recommended steps and should not return to work until they have consulted a healthcare provider and met the criteria to discontinue home isolation.

- Employees who test positive for COVID-19 should be directed to self-quarantine away from work. They should not return until they are symptom-free for at least 14 days and/or have been cleared by a medical professional.

- Employees should wear personal protective equipment (PPE) at all time, such as gloves, goggles, face masks as appropriate for activity being performed.

- Everyone on the site—including managers, supervisors, workers, and contractors—needs to practice good personal hygiene and jobsite safety procedures to prevent the spread of the virus.

- Sanitizing stations need to be provided throughout the site.

- COVID-19 educational signage should be posted at the jobsite entrances, sanitation stations, and other places where workers congregate.

- Before entering the jobsite, all employees, contractors, and site visitors should be pre-screened. Anyone showing symptoms or reporting potential exposure will be asked to return home.

- Abide by social distancing recommendations, including maintaining a six foot distance between people, limiting the number of people in meetings, limiting meeting locations to places where social distancing can be accommodated, staggering work and break schedules, and minimizing activities where social distancing is unavoidable. Develop a plan for how to handle tasks affected by social distancing rules.

- Develop and carry out site disinfection plans. This should include designating employees who will regularly clean the site, especially disinfecting high-touch areas, tools, and equipment.

- Ask employees to avoid sharing tools or touching other people’s personal items.