

# **Guidelines on Construction Sites During COVID 19 Pandemic**

For areas under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) or Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ).

## **CONSTRUCTION SITE:**

1. Strict compliance of the DPWH D.O. No. 39 series of 2020: Revised Construction Safety Guidelines for the implementation of Infrastructure Projects during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis.

### **1.1. Prior to Deployment**

- a) Contractors to allow only persons aged 21 to 59 years old without pre-existing health conditions to work.
- b) Contractor to take practical, reasonable actions in order to minimize vulnerable workers (older workers and those with compromised immune systems) from conducting higher risk roles.
- a) Contractors, at their own expense, to fund workers' tests.
- b) Contractors to secure quarantine passes for on-site employees.
- c) Contractors to provide necessary welfare facilities and amenities in compliance to social distancing.
- d) Contractors to provide supply of vitamins, over-the-counter medicines, and quarantine facilities to employees.
- e) Contractors to provide disinfection facilities including washing areas in strategic locations inside the project sites.
- f) Contractors' Safety Officers to conduct to all construction personnel proper information dissemination regarding COVID-19 protocols.
- g) Contractor's to submit personal records of all personnel to implementing agencies (UP Mindanao, DPWH) for contact tracing, and be updated monthly, or when needed.

### **1.2. During Deployment and Actual Work**

- a) Contractors to revisit its Site Utilization plan indicating, among others:
  - Separate Entry Point with footbaths and Exit points on site
  - Location of disinfection/alcohol dispensers and/or washing areas with soap/alcohol for workers, inspection teams, suppliers, etc. when they enter the project premises in accordance with OSHA standards.
- b) Contractors to require workers to wear their identification cards and masks on site.
- c) Contractors to ensure the practice of social physical distancing of 1.5 to 2 meters between workers.
- d) Contractors to implement staggered break times and deployment.
- e) When not possible, contractors to limit the amount of time the workers are in close proximity and must require workers the use of health and safety equipment/supplies (e.g. Gloves, face masks) when workers are required to be in close proximity for prolonged periods.
- f) Contractors to provide their workers with adequate supply of disinfection facilities and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to workers.
- g) Contractors to house workers in quarters inside the site for the entire duration of the project.
- h) Contractors to minimize errands outside of the construction site.
- i) Contractors to conduct daily disinfection of offices, quarters, common areas, and transport services.
- j) Contractors to record daily the health conditions (e.g. temperature) of workers before and after work.

- k) Contractors to designate a separate team for delivery of supplies and/or disposal of wastes.
- l) Contractors to impose mandated quarantine/health protocols to all personnel who are returning from outside of project site.
- m) Contractors to impose 14 days quarantine protocol for workers with symptoms before re-entry to work site.
- n) Contractors to restrict entry of non-essential personnel/visitors on site.
- o) Contractors to strictly prohibit drinking of liquor, merry-making and/or gatherings on site.
- p) Contractor to designate a Project Safety Officer who will coordinate with the University's Health and Safety Coordinator in order to ensure the compliance of the Occupational Safety and Health standards implemented by the Department of Labor & Employment-Bureau of Working Conditions-Occupational Health & Safety Standards (DOLE-BWC-OHSS) under Article 162 of the Labor Code of the Philippines. Project Safety Officer must:
  - Submit to UP Mindanao CPDO the workers' names including their places of origin/residence for possible tracing in case of unwarranted emergency situations
  - Require all workers to fill up the Health Checklist prepared by the University
  - Conduct orientation(s) on health and safety protocol pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Conduct and monitor regular site cleaning/disinfection especially the in-house quarters of workers
- q) Contractors to regularly submit reports to the University CPDO representatives for monitoring.

1.3. During Coordination/Progress Meetings and Activities on Site (When Face-to-Face meetings are needed to be attended by the contractors, suppliers, representative(s) of the implementing agency and/or UP Mindanao CPDO)

- a) Reduce the number of attendees and length of time of meetings
- b) Conduct meeting in a shaded open area where seats are spread out based on social distancing protocols
- c) Minimize movements, except for works, within the project sites.

*Note: The above have been formulated based on the issued guidelines on Return to Work of DPWH DO 39, DOH, IATF on the workplace prevention of the spread of COVID-19 on top of the university guidelines for construction sites. These are subject to change without prior notice as deemed necessary by the authorities to uphold the welfare of the majority in this unprecedented times and as to the pending approval of the University Executive Committee.*

**CONFORME:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Over Printed Name (Contractor or Representative)

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_