

Cal/OSHA COVID-19 General Checklist for Mining and Logging

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This checklist is intended to help mining and logging employers implement their plan to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and is supplemental to the [Guidance for Mining and Logging Employers](#). This checklist is a summary and contains shorthand for some parts of the guidance; familiarize yourself with the guidance before using this checklist.



Contents of Written Workplace Specific Plan

- The person(s) responsible for implementing the plan.
- A risk assessment and the measures that will be taken to prevent spread of the virus.
- Use of face coverings, in accordance with the [CDPH guidance](#).
- Training and communication with workers and worker representatives on the plan.
- A process to check for compliance and to document and correct deficiencies.
- A process to investigate COVID-cases, alert the local health department, and identify and isolate close workplace contacts and infected workers.
- Protocols for when the workplace has an outbreak, in accordance with [CDPH guidance](#).
- Update the plan as necessary to prevent further cases.



Topics for Worker Training

- Information on [COVID-19](#), preventing spread, and who is especially vulnerable.
- Self-screening at home, including temperature and/or symptom checks using [CDC guidelines](#).
- The importance of not coming to work if workers have a cough, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, recent loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea, or if they or someone they had contact with has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- To return to work after a COVID-19 diagnosis only after 10 days since symptom onset and 72 hours of no fever.
- When to seek medical attention.
- The importance of hand washing.
- The importance of physical distancing, both at work and off work time.
- Proper use of cloth face covers, including information in the [CDPH guidance](#).

- Information on paid leave benefits, including the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#), and workers' compensation benefits under the Governor's [Executive Order N-62-20](#) while the Order is in effect.
- Train any independent contractors, temporary or contract workers, or volunteers in these policies and ensure they have necessary PPE.



Individual Control Measures & Screening

- Symptom screenings and/or temperature checks.
- Encourage workers who are sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 to stay home.
- Provide and ensure workers use all necessary PPE.
- Encourage frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer.
- Provide and ensure employees use respirators to protect against airborne contaminants such as silica and asbestos.
- Provide disposable gloves to workers using cleaners and disinfectants if required. Consider gloves as a supplement to frequent hand washing for other cleaning, tasks such as handling commonly touched items or conducting symptom screening.



Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols

- Perform thorough cleaning in high traffic areas.
- Frequently disinfect commonly used surfaces.
- Avoid sharing phones, two-way radios, and other work tools and equipment.
- Clean touchable surfaces between shifts or between users, whichever is more frequent.
- Ensure that sanitary facilities stay operational and stocked at all times.
- Make hand sanitizer and other sanitary items available and readily accessible..
- Provide time for workers to implement cleaning practices.
- Use products approved for use against COVID-19 on the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)-approved](#) list and train workers on chemical hazards, product instructions, ventilation requirements, and Cal/OSHA requirements. Follow CDPH [asthma-safer cleaning methods](#).
- Consider upgrades to improve air filtration and ventilation.



Physical Distancing Guidelines

- Ensure physical distancing of at least six feet between workers.
- Adjust in-person meetings, if they are necessary, to ensure physical distancing.
- Limit the number of workers on the job site to ensure at least six feet of separation.
- Stagger worker breaks, in compliance with wage and hour regulations, to maintain physical distancing protocols.

- Stagger team travel to sites and reduce the number of workers transported at a time to maintain physical distancing.
- Reconfigure, restrict or close break areas and provide alternative spaces where physical distancing can occur.
- Avoid congregating during lunch and other breaks or before or after shifts.

