



Thursday, March 19, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE #2 ON CONSTRUCTION SITES

Further to our [last bulletin sent Tuesday, March 17](#) regarding the BC Government's Public Emergency Order prohibiting [gatherings of more than 50 people in one place](#), we would like to provide further clarity as this relates to construction sites.

A senior provincial government official has contacted UDI President & CEO Anne McMullin to assure our industry and membership **the 50-person limit does NOT apply to construction sites**. The provincial government official confirmed that all sites can and should remain operating.

Sites must continue to conform to Worksafe BC practices and current COVID-19 prevention protocols. That means additional handwashing stations should be made available, that workers should maintain their social distance of 1-2 metres from one another and during any on-site meetings.

In addition, the Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry said during the March 17, 2020 [news conference](#), shortly after the 1:02 mark that "Construction work outside is not as much of a risk that we are concerned about...**but anyone who's sick should not be going to work.**"

Additional Resources:

- New B.C. COVID-19 self-assessment tool [found online here](#)
- Latest **non-medical COVID-19 updates**, including travel recommendations, please call or text the provincial government through a newly created hotline at 1-888-268-4319 (1-888-COVID19) between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily
- [Latest orders and directives from the provincial health officer](#)
- If you or a family member have symptoms or need medical advice, **call 811**
- For prevention and treatment, visit [BC Centre for Disease Control](#) or follow [@CDCofBC](#)
- [Latest COVID-19 BC Government Updates](#)

We will continue to keep you posted on all COVID-19 developments. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns by contacting me at AMcMullin@udi.org.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne McMullin', is positioned above the typed name.

Anne McMullin, President & CEO, UDI