

## **Construction Site COVID-19 Protocols**

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In the interest of public health and personal safety in field operations, Habitat for Humanity La Crosse Area (HFHLC) is instituting temporary safety protocols for working on-site. These protocols are tailored to our business operations, using Wisconsin Department of Labor (WI OSHA), Minnesota Department of Labor (MN OSHA) and CDC COVID-19 guidelines. In the coming weeks, these requirements will be updated as needed, with staff and client safety as the highest priority.

### **Distancing**

- For general safety expectations, please see HFHLC's "General COVID-19 Safety Policy." Nothing outlined in this protocol is meant to override or otherwise alter expectations outlined in HFHLC's "General COVID-19 Safety Policy."
- Masks are not a substitute for distancing. At all times, keep at least six (6) feet between individuals to reduce the risk of exposure/transmission of COVID-19
- Limit the number of individuals on-site to no more than six (6) (including subcontractors).
- Work on separate floors or areas when possible while working on the interior of a home.
- Work on separate parts of the house while working on the exterior of a home where possible.

### **Sanitizing**

- For all sanitizing activities use eye protection and gloves and work outside or in a well-ventilated area.
- Each person will take tools only from the sanitized "clean" tool bin. Those on site will use the same tools throughout the day and will not share tools with others unless they have been fully sanitized between uses.
- Use soap and water, hand sanitizer, or hand sanitizer wipes throughout the day.
- The trailers/tool boxes have face masks, soap, liquid sanitizer, sanitizer wipes, paper towels, and gloves for your use.
- Sanitizing of all tools is required at the beginning and end of each work shift.

### **Hand Hygiene**

- Frequent handwashing is recommended using soap and water.
- Hand sanitizer is recommended when handwashing is not available.
- Hand sanitizer or soap and water will be available at all sites.

### **Personal Protective Equipment**

- Masks will be used by all field staff and volunteers. Each staff member/volunteer will be issued masks from the trailer/tool box. Label your mask with a Sharpie to avoid donning the wrong mask.
- Vinyl or latex gloves are available on-site and highly recommended to be worn when putting on or taking off your mask to avoid self-inoculation and/or mask contamination. Vinyl gloves may also be used as work gloves (or under work gloves) as appropriate to the task.
- Masks that are not physically damaged while working can be used for multiple work shifts by the same employee or volunteer following a decontamination period for each mask. Since these masks are reusable they can be taken home with you and washed (if possible).
- Keep mask on at all times when working on site with others. OSHA requires a break from mask use every 2 hours. If you are working alone on site, ensure that your mask is nearby so that it can be donned should anyone else visit the site.

Thank you for helping us keep each other and our clients safe as we continue the vital work of creating and preserving affordable homeownership in our community.