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**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION JOB SITE REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPITAL AND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

Today Governor Inslee took action to restart construction projects where social distancing requirements can be met. These projects, considered Phase 1, are the lowest risk because workers can stay six feet or more apart and wear appropriate personal protective equipment. In the coming weeks and months, additional phases of higher risk projects may be allowed as the health and safety impacts of COVID-19 decrease.

As part of this effort, the Governor's Office also introduced new COVID-19 job site requirements for all construction projects in the state. These [Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements](#) were developed in coordination with the Construction Roundtable, a convening of agency staff and stakeholders, and provide further clarity on limiting risks to workers on construction sites.

All state agency projects that meet the Phase 1 requirements may restart once the contractor can meet and maintain all [Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements](#), including the requirement to provide mandatory materials, schedules and equipment. No newly authorized projects are permitted to break social distancing standards during Phase 1.

By May 1, 2020, all state agency capital projects, which previously met exception criteria or were authorized to proceed under OFM memoranda sent on March 30, 2020 and April 7, 2020, must also follow the [Phase 1 Construction Restart COVID-19 Job Site Requirements](#):

- For projects with construction contracts managed directly by state agencies, agencies must require their contractors to comply with the Phase 1 requirements.
- State agencies can continue to provide pass-through or grant funding to non-state project sponsors as provided in the capital and transportation budgets; however, grant recipients must require their contractors to comply with the Phase 1 requirements.
- For state-funded, public works projects that previously met exception criteria or were previously authorized to proceed under the OFM guidance, if the six feet of social distancing required in the Phase 1 requirements cannot be met for specific tasks, the contractor must implement a hazard assessment and control plan. At a minimum, the plan must identify appropriate personal protective equipment use that meets [Department of Labor and Industries requirements](#).

As before, if construction project activities can continue remotely (predesign, design, and engineering studies), that work may continue.

If you have questions or need assistance, please continue to contact your [OFM capital budget analyst or transportation analyst](#).

cc: Agency Budget Officers