



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1401 EAST BROAD STREET
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219-2000

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner

June 8, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Contracting Community
District Engineers
District Construction Engineers
Area Construction Engineers

FROM: Kerry A. Bates, P.E., State Construction Engineer

SUBJECT: UPDATE - COVID-19 / Coronavirus – Potential Impacts to Department Contractors

Further to my March 12, 2020 memo regarding the COVID-19/ Coronavirus, the Department has heard from a number of contractors regarding face covering recommendations from the Governor and specifically how they should be applied to their employees supporting VDOT business. Accordingly, I am providing the following additional guidance with respect to social distancing and face coverings for contractors working on VDOT projects:

Social Distancing

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gathering.

Face Coverings

In the event of an impractical situation or emergency where social distancing is impossible to achieve, a cloth face covering is required (in-person meetings where social distancing is not possible, riding in vehicles with others, anytime indoors in a public building, etc.).

As stated previously, the contracting community needs to do what they can to prevent the transmission and spread of the COVID-19 / Coronavirus and reduce any disruption to their construction projects. The Department continues to recommend that all contractors increase their supply of sanitization and cleaning materials at their projects and continue to practice these healthy habits:

Stay home if you feel sick.

- Avoid close contact with others and seek medical treatment if necessary.
- If you have a fever, stay home until you are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Practice good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Practice good coughing and sneezing etiquette

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Put your used tissue in a wastebasket.
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve—not your hand.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.