

EIFS Industry Members Association
Suggestions for Operating EIFS Jobsites
While Under COVID-19 Conditions
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The idea for the development of these suggestions on how activities on a worksite can progress while under the influence of COVID-19 concerns and other governmental regulations, such as those of a locality's health department, came from a joint video conference meeting of the EIMA Communications and Education and the Advocacy and Industry Relations Committee on May 6, 2020. The idea was to spur the development of best practices and to assemble them in one central document that could be easily updated.

The following suggestions are compiled from anecdotal sources and are presented here to provide hints at how an EIFS applicator can accommodate an improved worksite while the COVID-19 pandemic presents its challenges. These suggestions are by no means exhaustive and will be updated to incorporate new ideas of how to cope on the jobsite during this pandemic.

It is emphasized here that all EIFS applicators should be mindful of requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and those of the local health department in the jurisdiction in which the project is located. Conditions vary from site to site, and prepare to spend extra time on almost all tasks.

Suggestions for Everyone

- Regularly wash hands, when soap and water are not available use hand sanitizer
- Keep logs of who is coming and going from the jobsite
- Maintain health checks on all employees
- Be aware of local and state health department requirements, which may include who to contact if a positive COVID-19 test occurs
- Confirm that when working on or visiting a jobsite that you are following all posted rules and regulations

Suggestions For Contractors

- Show good faith efforts in attempts to exceed providing a safe workplace
- In planning for the start of a project, add 1 to 3 months for long-lead items such as face masks
- Conduct daily meetings on the jobsite to review social distancing procedures
- Create procedures for how visitors will enter a site and how their visits will be recorded
- Create a list of questions for those on the jobsite, which includes daily checks on health
- Use face masks and eye protection
- Stagger shifts and breaks
- Disinfect at least daily all rails of a scaffold that are used for climbing the scaffold
- If in very short supply, save masks for those tasks that require them
- Ascertain if the use of gators are mandatory
- Develop a procedure of how to reuse face masks

Suggestions For Distributors

- Establish a plan for making deliveries to various jobsites
- Call jobsite the day of delivery to ascertain if there are any special conditions that must be met
- Delivery drivers should be prepared to use mask and eye protection and should have it with them
- Drivers should carry a supply of hand sanitizer on their vehicle to use prior to leaving the site

Suggestions For Visitors

- Visitors to the jobsite should call ahead and provide the time when they will be arriving
- Visitors should be instructed of how to enter the jobsite