

Lessons Learned



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Region: California

Project: Kato Road Roadrunner

Incident Title: COVID-19 Quarantine Blues

Summary

A job site trailer staff person reported the onset of symptoms of Covid-19 after work on Tuesday, September 1. Contact tracing of his co-workers identified 5 close contacts of the person in the 2 days prior to his onset of symptoms. All 5 workers were sent home to quarantine for 14 days. This created a ripple effect of impacts on the project. The impact was felt in client communications, disruption of work flow, project safety, procurement, bidding, scheduling, and coordination. As of today, 1 of the 5 workers in quarantine is reporting Covid-19 symptoms and will get tested.



What Went Right?

- Worker immediately reported symptoms and stayed home.
- Workers have been trained to use face coverings in addition to social distancing.
- Close contacts were quickly identified and quarantined.

What Went Wrong?

- Physical distancing measures are inconsistently practiced in the job trailer.
- Other protective measures such as face coverings are inconsistently practiced.
- One close contact has developed symptoms of Covid

Lessons Learned

Physical distancing is the single most important measure we can take to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to our co-workers and to minimize the risk of negative impact on our projects. In addition to physical distancing, other protective measures decrease these risks. In the midst of an epic fire season, mid-summer snow-storms, and computer hacking, Covid-19 is still here. Do not let your guard down!

- To minimize the risk of negatively impacting a jobsite by mass quarantine, MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF DISTANCE between you and everyone else. If your work requires close contact for more than 15 minutes, contact your Safety Manager for a hazard evaluation and assistance in developing controls.
- Always wear your face covering unless you are in an isolated air space by yourself.
- Report immediately to your supervisors any symptoms of Covid-19 or other potentially contagious illness (colds, flu, etc). Do not come to work if you are sick.
- Disinfect all work surfaces used by a positive or suspect positive person (follow manufacturer's instructions for contact time).
- Continue to practice good personal hygiene such as handwashing. Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow.
- Support your immune system with good nutrition, good sleep, stress management and adequate hydration.