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DCD COVID-19 Response - Information & Updates

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Has Governor Inslee opened construction in Washington State again?

Yes. The Governor, with representatives of the construction industry in Washington have worked together to formulate a Construction Safety Plan for a Phase I Restart. More information can be found on the Governor's website at: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources> or at the Building Industry Association of Washington website at: https://biaw.com/jobsite_safety

When can I have an inspection?

DCD is currently accepting inspection request for any projects operating with a job site safety plan in place.

What is a Phase I Jobsite Safety Plan?

A Jobsite Safety Plan is required under the Governor's Phase I Restart agreement. BIAW has provided a template on their website that can be utilized for this purpose. https://biaw.com/jobsite_safety

What happens if I don't comply with the Phase I Construction Restart Safety Requirements and just go ahead with my project?

Firstly, DCD will not perform your inspection. The safety of our staff is paramount and as such we require that a jobsite safety plan in conformance with the Governors direction be in place and adhered to.

Continuing construction without implementing the measures as outlined in the Governor's directive is a violation of the Governor's proclamation. Not only is it the wrong thing to do, it is against the law (a gross misdemeanor). The county urges everyone to comply with the spirit and letter of the proclamation to stop the spread and speed recovery from this pandemic episode.

Who enforces these rules?

The State Department of Labor and Industries will enforce the provisions of the Phase I Restart and have asked local agencies to assist in promoting compliance. DCD and Kitsap Public Health District have many other things to do in assisting with the restart and we would all appreciate your compliance with the provisions of the proclamation so that we can all return to normal as quickly as possible.

If DCD can't get to my inspection in my preferred timeframe, can I go ahead with the construction while having a private third party to come out and look at my work?

No. DCD is in all cases the agency that approves construction projects for moving onto the next phase. Covering of work done without inspections will result in further delays.

When can I expect my permit to be issued?

Authorized construction now includes:

Construction previously authorized under Proclamation 20-25 and Governor Inslee's March 25, 2020, memo on construction.

Construction not previously authorized under Proclamation 20-25 and the March 25, 2020, memo that was in existence on March 23, 2020.

For purposes of this memo, in existence means construction activity that is needed to fulfill an obligation under a contract effective prior to March 23, 2020. Example: Pre-sale on new home, contract with contractors, rate locks etc.

Authorized by a government-issued permit obtained prior to March 23, 2020.

Obtained is interpreted as the permit was issued, not just submitted for.

If you believe that your project falls into one of the categories above and your permit should be issued, please make a permit issuance request by completing the online [Inspection Request Form](#).

Are there any exceptions?

Yes, there are essentially four exceptions:

Healthcare facilities

Construction projects listed on the Essential Project List- https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Guidance%20Bulletin%20-%20Proclamation%2020-25%2C%2003.31.2020.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Certain low income funded housing projects

Emergency health and safety repairs

What kinds of things qualify for the housing exception?

Certain "low income" housing construction projects that are either federally funded or receive federal subsidies for qualifying individuals and communities. Examples include certain self-help homes and projects administered by the housing authority.

What kinds of things qualify for a health or life safety exception?

Failure of the HVAC system in a home and there is no other method of heating

Failure of gas, sewer or septic systems, plumbing or potable water systems

Emergency repairs to structural damage caused by fire, weather or other event

Who can I talk to about this?

Contact Kitsap 1 at 360-377-5777 or by email at help@kitsap1.com.

You may alternatively make a **permit issuance request** by completing the online [Inspection Request Form](#)