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DCD COVID-19 Response - Information & Updates

A. RETURN TO WORK INSPECTION PRIORITIES Information

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B. 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 working to get all safety measures in place for Inspectors and field personnel while also assuring that contractors have time to implement the required Jobsite Safety Plan. We currently anticipate being able to provide inspections starting on Wednesday, April 29th.

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?

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?

On Wednesday March 25 the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation went into effect requiring that individuals stay home and that other than essential services be shut down. The Phase I Construction Restart allows for existing construction projects to continue, however new projects have not been authorized by the Governor's most recent revision to the order. Supporting these new projects by issuing permits would also be a violation of the proclamation.

Are there any exceptions?

Yes, there are essentially four exceptions:

Healthcare facilities

Certain low income funded housing projects

Emergency health and safety repairs

Construction projects listed on the [Essential Project list](#)

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

Inspection Consideration and More Information

If you meet the exceptions listed above, you may request an exception by completing an [Inspection Consideration form](#). If you have additional questions you may contact Kitsap 1 via email at help@kitsap1.com or by phone at 360-377-5777.