



Tuesday, March 17, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION SITES

As you know, the BC Government declared a Public Health Emergency today, with an [accompanying order that limits no more than 50 people in one gathering place](#).

We have received numerous member inquiries on whether this limit applies to outdoor construction sites. We will provide further updates shortly.

In the meantime, the Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry said during the March 17, 2020 [news conference](#), shortly after the 1:02 mark that "**construction work outside is not as much of a risk that we're concerned about...but anyone who's sick should not be going to work.**" She also advised appropriate distance between workers must be maintained....and to provide accommodations that prevent transmissions.

Additional updates:

- New B.C. COVID-19 self-assessment tool found online [here](#).
- Latest **non-medical** COVID-19 updates, including travel recommendations, please call or text the provincial government through a newly created hotline at 1-888-268-4319 (1-888-COVID19) between 7:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

In the meantime, please follow the appropriate prevention recommendations from our [health authorities](#) and help each other when possible.

Please feel free to contact me at AMcMullin@udi.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne McMullin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A'.

Anne McMullin, President & CEO, UDI