



Dion Custom Metal Fabrication & Design

COVID-19 | Working Under 6.5' Apart

Update 2020.04.07 - Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, WorkSafe BC requires that *Physical Distancing* is maintained on jobs sites to prevent spread of infection. *Physical Distancing* means not being within 2 metres (6.5 feet) of other workers.

If *Physical Distancing* is not possible while doing work tasks, control the potential exposure to COVID-19 by doing the following:

1. Who qualifies to work under 6' apart?

Only workers who are considered to be at a lower risk of transmitting COVID-19 should complete this work.

- Workers who are under the age of 60.
- Workers without chronic health conditions including diabetes, heart disease and lung disease.
- Workers who are not immunocompromised.

2. Task Supervision

Any task that is new or unfamiliar to workers working under the 6.5' physical distance requirement, will be supervised by a foreman or designated qualified person until such time as the workers are deemed safe and competent.

3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

All workers who cannot maintain physical distance (2 meters, 6.5 ft) should use PPE including:

- Half-face respirator with P100 filters or N95 mask*
 - Where possible, half-face respirators with P95 or P100 are preferred since they are more protective
 - Fit testing must be completed for workers wearing half mask respirator and/or N95 masks.
- For added protection disposable nitrile gloves under work gloves and when not wearing work gloves may be used when available
- Safety glasses
- Fabric coveralls (optional).
- Workers must be trained on the following:
 - How to properly put on, use, and take off PPE (see below for Nitriles)
 - How to properly dispose of or disinfect PPE
 - How to inspect PPE for damage and how to maintain in good working order
 - The limitations of PPE
- Provide a plastic disposal bag for disposal of consumables (N95 masks, nitrile gloves, cleaning wipes). Seal the disposal bag and store it with other garbage.

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4. Hand Washing

- Wash hands thoroughly when gloves are removed and at the end of the task for which less than 2 meters of distance is required.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
- Always wash hands that are visibly soiled.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with bare or gloved hands. If you do have to touch your face, wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before and after.

5. Cleaning/Disinfecting

- When task is completed, ensure the tools that were used are cleaned and disinfected
- Clean and disinfect all high-touch surfaces in the area such as:
 - Shared equipment and tools
 - Tables and chairs
 - Counters
 - Microwaves/ coffee makers/ water coolers
 - Doorknobs/ handles
 - Printers, computers, tablets

6. Clothing

- Do not leave clothes in lockup at the end of the day
- Take work clothes home
- Washing work clothes each day to disinfect is recommended
- Don't wear work clothing into your home whenever possible