



## Recap of the Safety Stand Down on April 16

### *Wake County Construction Workers Hold Job-Site Safety Stand Down*

Home building and construction crews were encouraged to halt work for at least 10 minutes to educate employees about COVID-19-related jobsite safety protocols as part of a nationwide effort, initiated by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) on Thursday, April 16.

The Stand Down Effort organized separately by each company, emphasized worker safety and best practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the Triangle, there's an estimated 50,000+ construction workers who are designated essential by local and state government.

The Home Builders Association of Raleigh–Wake County called on its 1,400+ member businesses to stand down to discuss what they should do to keep themselves safe from coronavirus, and to help 'flatten the curve' for everyone. COVID-19-related jobsite safety protocols and CDC guidelines will be thoroughly reviewed. The HBA also encourage members to take an opportunity to acknowledge and thank front-line workers during the stand down. Members were asked to post and share their effort on social media using #COVID19SafetyStandDown and #HBAWakeResponds.

As a result of media relations efforts, all four local television networks interviewed a HBA representative on an active job site. Three of the four stories can be found online:

- WTVD ABC11: [Construction companies deemed 'essential work' across the country, came to a halt for a brief period in an effort to educate workers on safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)
- WNCN CBS 17: [Construction Safety Stand Down: \(the story begins at 4:49:54 time point -if it does not play from cue\)](#)
- WRAL NBC17: [Many construction crews not taking precautions against coronavirus](#)

Additionally, HBA Members captured their Stand Down Efforts and shared photos.



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## COVID-19 Job Site Safety Stand Down

Construction companies are being asked by NAHB to conduct COVID-19 Job Site Safety Stand Down by halting work (for around 10 minutes) on Thursday, April 16 to talk directly with employees and subcontractors about the respiratory illness associated with the coronavirus including safe work practices and protocols and company safety policies.

The HBA of Raleigh-Wake is also asking our members to find simple way to thank or show gratitude to all of the healthcare a front-line workers.



### Steps to Hold Your Own Stand Down:

#### STEP 1: Prepare.

- Compile the information you will need for the stand down.
- Review the resources in the links below.
- Plan to conduct this Stand Down either live or by text/email and print a [coronavirus website and basic prevention poster](#) to post on the job site.

Stand Down Tool Box Talk

Job Site Best Practices

#### STEP 2: Cover the basics.

- Stress the importance of disease transmission safety during a global pandemic and encourage workers to following basic infection prevention measures.
- This stand down will keep workers healthy and safe and help "flatten the curve" of the spread of the virus.

#### STEP 3: Hold your stand down.

- If conducting the stand down digitally, attach the packets, or links to the packets, in emails or texts to workers.
- If the stand down will be in person, strictly enforce social distancing guidelines during the talk.
- Remember, everyone should stand at least six feet apart and do not contact the stand down with groups larger than 10.
- Continuously remind workers and subcontractors who are on the job site follow social distancing and other coronavirus infection prevention measures after the stand down.

COVID Basic Prevention- English

COVID Basic Prevention- Spanish

#### STEP 4: Thank Front-Line Workers.

- Create your own DIY message - whether it's a sign on the job-site for people to see driving by, or with a special social media post or shout-out.
  - Express a simple thank you the next time you are at the point of sale in a grocery or essential retail store.
  - Donate any excess PPE equipment, such as masks, to local hospitals.
- Find a [list of donation sites](#) at the bottom of the linked page.

Promote your participation in the stand down, use the tag #COVID18 SafetyStandDown and #HBAWakeResponds on social media.





## COVID-19 Basic Infection Prevention Measures

COVID-19, caused by a new coronavirus, is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The following infection prevention measures may help prevent transmission on construction job sites.

	Stay home if you are sick. <b>DO NOT WORK.</b>
	Wash hands frequently or provide alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60% alcohol.
	Cover coughs and sneezes.
	Practice social distancing — try to maintain 6 feet between each worker.
	Reduce the size of any group at any one time to ten (10) people or less or <b>LIMIT</b> all in-person meetings.
	Minimize ride-sharing. While in vehicle, employees must ensure adequate ventilation.
	Avoid sharing tools with co-workers, if possible.
	Clean and disinfect frequently used tools, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces (door handles, handrails, etc.).
	If N95 respirator dust and air engineering
	Use proper when cleaning eye protection

## COVID-19 Medidas Básicas de Prevención de Infecciones

COVID-19, causado por un nuevo coronavirus, es una enfermedad respiratoria que puede propagarse de persona a persona. Las siguientes medidas de prevención de infecciones pueden ayudar a prevenir la transmisión en sitios de trabajo de construcción.

	Quédate en casa si estás enfermo. <b>NO TRABAJES.</b>
	Lávese las manos con frecuencia o proporcione desinfectantes para manos a base de alcohol que contengan al menos 60% de alcohol.
	Cubra la tos y los estornudos.
	Practique el distanciamiento social: intente mantener 6 pies entre cada trabajador.
	Reduzca el tamaño de cualquier grupo en cualquier momento a diez (10) personas o menos o <b>LIMITE</b> todas las reuniones en persona.
	Minimice el viaje compartido. Mientras estén en el vehículo, los empleados deben garantizar una ventilación adecuada.
	Evite compartir herramientas con compañeros de trabajo, si es posible.
	Limpie y desinfecte las herramientas, el equipo y las superficies que se tocan con frecuencia (manijas de las puertas, pasamanos, controles de maquinaria, teléfonos celulares, tabletas) con frecuencia.
	Si las máscaras de respirador N95 no están disponibles, minimice el polvo y los contaminantes en el aire utilizando controles de ingeniería y prácticas de trabajo.
	Use equipo de protección personal (PPE) adecuado cuando limpie y desinfecte, como guantes y protección para los ojos.





