



DIRECTIVE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. 2020-04

**DIRECTIVE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF
THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO REGARDING
THE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR CITY PUBLIC WORKS
PROJECTS**

(PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE)
DATE OF DIRECTIVE: May 5, 2020

By this Directive, the Health Officer of the City and County of San Francisco (the “City”) issues industry-specific direction that Essential Businesses that perform construction as Essential Businesses under Section 16.f.v. of Health Officer Order No. C19-07c issued on April 29, 2020 (the “Stay-Safe-At-Home Order”) and that are serving as City and County of San Francisco public works project contractors must follow as part of the local response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic. This Directive constitutes industry-specific guidance as provided under Section 6 of the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order and a protocol for public works project contractors as provided under Section 16.f.v of the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order. For all City public works projects, this Directive takes the place of the construction safety protocols attached as Appendices B-1 and B-2 to the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order. Unless otherwise defined below, initially capitalized terms used in this Directive have the same meaning given them in that order. This Directive goes into effect immediately upon issuance but provides for an implementation grace period requiring compliance by 11:59 p.m. on May 6, 2020, and this Directive remains in effect until suspended, superseded, or amended by the Health Officer, as further provided below. This Directive has support in the bases and justifications set forth in the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order. As further provided below, it also automatically incorporates any revisions to that order or other future orders issued by the Health Officer that supersede that order or reference this Directive. This Directive is intended to promote best practices as to health and safety requirements and Social Distancing Requirements, helping prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and safeguard the health of managers, supervisors, contractors, other workers and the community.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO (“HEALTH OFFICER”) DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All onsite managers, supervisors, and contractors that perform construction-related services as Essential Businesses under Section 16.f.v. of the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order (“Contractors”) for City public works projects must, by 11:59 p.m. on May 6, 2020, comply with the requirements of the “City and County of San Francisco Public Works Project Safety Protocol for COVID-19 (Alternative to Appendices B-1 and B-2 for Public Works Projects)” (the “Protocol”). A copy of the Protocol is attached to this Directive as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference. For clarity, this Directive requires each Contractor for a City public works project to comply with all aspects of the Protocol, including, but not limited to: creating or updating, translating, adopting, and implementing a written Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan (“HASP”) that includes implementation of each measure listed in the Protocol; providing workers with personal protective equipment; requiring all persons at public works project jobsites to wear a Face Covering as required by Health Officer Order No. C19-12, dated April 17, 2020 (including as subsequently



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revised or amended); creating a task specific Job Hazard Analysis (“JHA”) for all tasks that may require staff to work inside of the six-foot social distancing zone; implementing cleaning and sanitization practices; implementing a COVID-19 community spread reduction plan; and assigning a COVID-19 Safety Compliance Officer (“SCO”).

2. This Directive and the Protocol may be revised by the Health Officer, through revision of this Directive or another future directive or order, as conditions relating to COVID-19 require, in the discretion of the Health Officer. Each Contractor for a City public works project must stay updated regarding any changes to the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order and this Directive by checking the City Administrator’s website (www.sfgsa.org) or the Department of Public Health website (<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>) regularly.
3. Implementation of this Directive augments—but does not limit—the obligations of each Contractor on a City public works project under the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order. Each such Contractor must follow these industry-specific Best Practices and update them as necessary for the duration of this Directive, including, without limitation, as this Directive is amended or extended in writing by the Health Officer and consistent with any extension of the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order or any other order that supersedes that order.

This Directive is issued in furtherance of the purposes of the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order. Where a conflict exists between this Directive and any state, local, or federal public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, without limitation, the Protocol, the most restrictive provision controls. Failure to carry out this Directive is a violation of the Stay-Safe-At-Home Order, constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tomás Aragón".

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Health Officer of the
City and County of San Francisco

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