



Ontario Directs Closure of Certain Construction Projects Amid COVID-19

Please be advised that under the direction of Public Health officials, the Ontario government has reduced its list of essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic. It announced today that certain construction activities are directed to cease operations.

The following construction activities may CONTINUE operations, and are considered essential. All other activities must cease operations as of 11:59pm April 4, 2020.

- Construction projects and services associated with the healthcare sector, including new facilities, expansions, renovations and conversion of spaces that could be repurposed for health care space.
- Construction projects and services required to ensure safe and reliable operations of, or to provide new capacity in, critical provincial infrastructure, including transit, transportation, energy and justice sectors beyond the day-to-day maintenance.
- Critical industrial construction activities required for:
 - the maintenance and operations of petrochemical plants and refineries,
 - significant industrial petrochemical projects where preliminary work has already commenced,
 - industrial construction and modifications to existing industrial structures limited solely to work necessary for the production, maintenance, and/or enhancement of Personal Protective Equipment, medical devices (such as ventilators), and other identified products directly related to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Residential construction projects where:
 - a footing permit has been granted for single family, semi-detached and townhomes
 - an above grade structural permit has been granted for condominiums, mixed use and other buildings, or

- the project involves renovations to residential properties and construction work was started before April 4, 2020.
- Construction and maintenance activities necessary to temporarily close construction sites that have paused, or are not active, and to ensure ongoing public safety.

We know that these extraordinary measures aimed at stopping the spread of COVID-19, are having a profound impact on your business. However, we also recognize the continued pressure and strain on our health care system and frontline workers, and that's why we're asking for your help. PCA and CLAC are calling on your organization to donate any excess PPE you might have available.

For further information, please read our joint PCA/CLAC letter to contractors [here](#).

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