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Phase 2, Finally

On Friday, June 2, Clark County entered Phase 2 and with it comes the opportunity for all construction to proceed. With this newfound freedom, however, comes new requirements and the abandonment of others.

All construction is permitted but facial coverings continue to be required on all job sites, with higher protection required for “medium and high risk” tasks. In addition, a “Jobsite Hazard Analysis” needs to be completed and documented.

Many things have also gone away. Gloves and eye protection are no longer

required on-site unless mandated for a specific task. Much of the paperwork and subsequent postings have been removed. Employees can self-administer the required COVID-19 screening at-home prior to coming to work. A dismissal of the guidance to limit one trade on the site at a time also should help speed construction timelines and make building more efficient. You can review the short list of changes to answer most questions, however you should review the full Phase 2 requirements and become familiar with the required documentation.

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FAQs

Is Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) required for low-risk activities?

No, JHA does not need to be completed for low-risk activities, only moderate to high-risk. All job sites will most likely have a mix of risk types so you will have a JHA document, but only moderate and high-risk activities need to be listed.

Must the mask be an N95 if the activity/task is considered high-risk?

To put it simply, yes, although alternative compliance methods are allowed (see [LNI Hazard Considerations](#)).

Does the COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan need to be posted on-site?

No, but it must be on-site and available for inspection by state and local authorities.

When are gloves required on the jobsite?

Glove use is not required under Phase 2 COVID-19 regulations unless employees are sharing tools.

-Are main offices under DOSH, Safe Start, Construction Phase 2?

-Can we show model homes in phase 2?

-When will we see construction phase 3?

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Early Endorsements Announced

Based on recommendations of the Building Industry Group (BIG PAC), the BIA voted on Tuesday, June 9 to endorse the following candidates:

State Senator Lynda Wilson

State Senator Ann Rivers

State Representative Paul Harris

State Representative Brandon Vick

State Representative Larry Hoff

Clark County Councilor John Blom

PPP Requirements Loosened

The [Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act](#) signed June 5, lowered the payroll threshold required for loan forgiveness from 75% to 60%, thus leaving 40% for other operating costs such as rental, utilities, etc. In addition, the covered period for loan forgiveness was extended from eight weeks to 24 weeks, allowing businesses to spread the use of the funds over a more reasonable time frame. Businesses wishing to spend the funds in 8 weeks and seek reimbursement are still able to do so. Partial loan forgiveness, if the payroll ratio is not met, is still available.

Commission Vacancies

The City of Vancouver has volunteer opportunities available for two commissions that impact the industry:

[Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission](#)

[Building and Fire Code Commission](#)



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