

UA PROJECT C-19 SAFETY & CURRENT OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS

VIRTUAL SAFETY MEETING

MARCH 26, 2020

WELCOME & GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome

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Current UA Operations for Limited Social Interaction

Safety on the job is our top priority

- Regulatory compliance standards
- Industry recommendations
- Confirmation & commitment to be provided to UA

CURRENT UA BID-RELATED OPERATIONS

Delivery of Bids: Bids will be received in a secure drop box located in front of the Procurement Service Annex at 405 Cahaba Circle on the University Services Campus (the same building where bids are currently received). The building will be locked, but the drop box will be monitored and emptied prior to the bid opening. Bidders are strongly encouraged to hand deliver bids to the drop box as FedEx and UPS deliveries may be delayed.

Bid Openings: Bid openings will take place as scheduled unless modified by addendum and can be viewed online. A list of upcoming bids with links for viewing is available at constructionpublicinfo.ua.edu. Certified bid tabulations will still be issued by email and all bid tabulations will be posted on the construction public information site.

Pre-Bid Meetings: Pre-bid Meetings will also be held online. A list with links can be found at constructionpublicinfo.ua.edu. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly encouraged. Addenda will be issued based on attendance at the pre-bid meeting.

Pre-Construction and Other Meetings: For information about all other construction-related meetings, please contact the project manager for your project.

Construction & C-19

Construction is listed as a “critical infrastructure industry” by the federal government

Classified by OSHA and CDC as a lower risk environment as long as appropriate guidelines are followed

Occupational Risk Pyramid for COVID-19



OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

LIMITING EXPOSURE TO VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

People aged 65 years and older

Other high-risk conditions could include:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
- People of any age with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] ≥ 40) or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease might also be at risk

People who are pregnant should be monitored since they are known to be at risk with severe viral illness, however, to date data on COVID-19 has not shown increased risk

Source: CDC.gov

HELPFUL RESOURCES

- <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>
- <http://Agc.org/coronavirus-covid-19>
- <http://www.abc-alabama.org/Safety/Safety-Resources>

UA GENERAL SAFETY REMINDERS

Safety on our projects is a top priority of the University

Contractors, supervisors and workers must abide by CDC & OSHA requirements and guidance at all times.

- UA expects strict compliance with these requirements

Employees should not be put into a situation that is unsafe or not in compliance with guidelines

- If an employee feels they are put into an unsafe working environment, they should follow their company's corporate guidelines
- If the supervisor does not address the safety issue, the contractor needs to address that directly with the supervisor
- Please be respectful and responsive to worker concerns

Provide a detailed summary of all project-specific guidelines and measures that are being taken to address C-19 concerns. This summary should include your confirmation and commitment to adhering to all stated measures and C-19 governmental requirements. This should be sent to your PM by noon Friday, March 27, 2020.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY RESPONSE TO C-19

Construction is vital to thousands of our city residents and is an essential service

Must balance the need to complete critical construction projects with the safety of the construction workforce and the public

Halting construction activities would have major adverse effects, including:

- Additional disruptions for residents
- Delayed critical infrastructure and housing projects
- Major loss of income for AL residents working in construction

Construction sites are:

- A unique workplace with their own levels of social distancing built in
- Already tightly controlled, with required safety protocols and separation from the general public

Q&A