

# COVID-19: Development Industry Update

## Members only Update - Construction Industry PEAKS continue to strive for a re-opening

Monday July 26, 2021

The construction industry peak representatives have been working with Government officials, led by the NSW Treasurer Hon Dominic Perrottet and senior leaders from the NSW public service, to develop a series of measures that will hopefully see the re-opening of part or all of the construction industry from July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Urban Taskforce recommends that the industry prepare for include the early development of:

- Written plans which detail how on-site teams will be separated
- Promoting vaccinations for all construction site teams including information regarding the nearest sites available for vaccinations
- Requirements for site supervision based on the number of staff on-site
- Plans for management of site entry points with QR codes and temperature screening without people congregating
- Ordering QR codes for different parts of the site
- Plans for the limitation mobility between sites/minimise new people coming to a site
- Procedures to ensure good records of people on-site (where they live etc) are kept and are available as necessary for health authorities
- Plans for the management of meal rooms and other communal spaces
- Plans for the management of deliveries to minimise or eliminate any contact.

These draft measures will be a base requirement of any re-opening of the industry on 31st July.

The aim of all involved has been to develop a suite of measures to reasonably ensure that anyone entering a site is COVID-free and safe.

The property construction and development sector has advised Government that it will agree to measures suggested by Health NSW. The emphasis has been on Covid safety measures which can delivery for our economy, for our workforce and for the delivery of projects. The cost to the economy of this closedown is enormous and we are all desperate to do what ever is necessary to safely get projects moving and the economy restarted

The NSW Government is now considering options for a re-opening of the construction sector in light of the daily COVID numbers, Health advice and the suite of proposed measures.

Urban Taskforce welcomes the practical support of the Government led by the NSW Treasurer, the NSW Treasury, the NSW Building Commissioner, INSW, DPC and DPIE.

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