Dubai Municipality
Health and Safety Department
Building Control Department

Work Permit and Precautionary Measures for Labor Accommodations, Transportations, and working at construction sites.

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1. **Purpose**

This document provides guidance from Health and Safety Department and Building Control Department in Dubai Municipality to assist the owners or operators of labor accommodations for taking precautionary measures in accommodations, buses and construction sites, including the relevant work permit to reduce the spread of the new coronavirus (Coved-19) among labors.

2. **Scope**

All labor accommodations and construction sites in Dubai

3. **Precautionary measures to be followed within the accommodation**

3.1 **Labor management responsibilities**

- Increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection of facilities and direct contact surfaces for individuals within the accommodations such as:
  - Bathrooms, shower rooms and laundries
  - Dining room tables and chairs.
  - Kitchen and its related-facilities.
  - Handles of all doors.
  - Overnight rooms and related personal accessories.
  - Elevator buttons and hand handles inside.
  - Electronic device controls (TV, air conditioning, lighting)
  - Stair handles

- Availability of hand wash liquid in all accommodation sinks
- Availability of hand sanitizers at the entrance, corridors and inside buses
- Labors temperature checking before entering the accommodation and before leaving
- Availability of isolation rooms in appropriate numbers to isolate suspected labors
- Availability of disposable water cups
- Availability of multi-languages signboards that the labors understand about virus prevention methods
- Closure of recreation hall to reduce gatherings
- Encourage workers to follow the social distancing practices within accommodation and prevent the gathering of more than 3 people
- Encourage workers to follow proper health behavior and prevent spitting
3.2 Overnight rooms
- Leaving shoes out of the rooms
- Good room ventilation
- Regular cleaning and disinfection using products approved by Dubai Municipality

3.3 Toilets
- Good ventilation for toilets
- Providing hand washing liquid in all toilets
- Provide guidance on how to wash the hands properly
- Regular cleaning and disinfection using products approved by Dubai Municipality

3.4 Kitchen
- A guidance of social distancing within the kitchen should be followed and a distance of 2 meters between individuals should be left inside the kitchen.
- Rotation of kitchen use by labors and not allowed all labors to be inside the kitchen at the same time
- Regular cleaning and cleaning of the kitchen and tools inside by products approved by Dubai Municipality

3.5 Dining room
- Distance of 2 meters between the dining tables to be kept
- Crowdedness in the dining room is not allowed and to keep one person per table
- Enter the dining hall in batches to prevent overcrowding
- If catering services is available, food should be served in the form of ready meals only were open buffet is not allowed
- Regular cleaning and disinfection of toilets using products approved by Dubai Municipality
procedures work flow for the presence of workers in the accommodation

Enter the worker after confirming that there is no high temperature or apparent symptoms

Head straight to the toilet (wash hands with soap and water)

Heading to the room (sterilizing hands with sterilizers in the corridors)

Leave the shoes outside the room

Enter the room and make sure it is ventilated

Stay in the room

Exit the room to the kitchen according to the time set for the worker by the accommodation management

Inside the kitchen - leave a distance of 2 meters between individuals

Head to dining room

Leave 2 meters between dining tables

The worker sits alone on the table

Not more than three individuals gathered in the accommodation yard, while adhering to the policy of social separation

The worker returns to the room
4. Precautionary measures to be followed when leaving the labor accommodations

- line up in a line with 2 meters distance between labors
- Person in charge of accommodations must check body temperature and or appearance of flu symptoms among labors daily
- If the labor temperature is 37.8°C or more, to be seated in shaded area and the temperature to re-measured
- If the worker’s temperature is confirmed high
  - Isolating the worker in a single isolation room with bathroom or Designate a separate bathroom for the worker
  - body temperature and or appearance of flu symptoms to be checked within 24 hr., and if temperature still high or appearance of flu symptoms, so contact DHA for further actions and follow up
  - Isolate the individuals who are with him in the same room in their room until the status of the suspect labor is confirmed
  - If the worker is confirmed to be infected, contact the DHA to transfer contacts to quarantine.
  - Accommodation to be sterilized by a company certified by Dubai Municipality-certified and using products approved by Dubai Municipality.
Procedures work flow of workers leaving the accommodation

Very Important
The accommodation management must complete the data of the permit to transfer workers of construction companies

The need for a worker to leave the accommodation

Standing in a row, leaving 2 meters between individuals

Measure the temperature at the exit

The temperature is normal 37°C

Allowing exit from the accommodation

The temperature is 37.8°C or higher

Wait within a shaded waiting area for 15 minutes

Re measure the workers temperature

The temperature is normal 37°C

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Immediate isolation and contact with Dubai Health Authority

Monitor any symptoms that appear on the worker, such as (coughing, colds, runny nose, etc.)

Are there symptoms?

Yes

Isolate this worker individually in a separate room until safety is confirmed

No

Isolating individuals in contact with the previous case inside their rooms until safety is confirmed

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5. Precautionary measures to be followed when entering the bus

- The permit form must be completed by the accommodation management before going to site (see attached in Annex: Transportation Permit for construction companies - Dubai Municipality)
- Bus to be sterilize before entrancing of labors (sterilize chairs and hand handles)
- line up in a line with 2 meters distance between labors
- labors without high temperature or flu like symptoms are allowed to enter the bus
- hand sanitizer to be kept at bus entrance
- labor must sanitize their hands-on entry
- labor to be seated alone on each chair
- labor to be seated in a zigzag shape were one labor must set alone next to window and the next labor will set alone at the aisle side and so on
- Sterilize the bus after and after labors transportation
Very important
The accommodation management must complete the data of the permit to transfer workers of construction companies.

The need to enter the bus

Standing in a row, leaving 2 meters between individuals

Ensure that there is no high temperature (37.8°C and above)

Hand sanitization before entering the bus

Each worker sits on a single chair

Ensure that all workers sit windingly, i.e. worker sitting next to the window and another worker beside the corridor that follows and so on

Sterilization and disinfection of the bus after each time the work is transferred

Workers sit properly and the bus moves on
6. **Precautionary measures to be followed for cadres and workers in construction sites**

   All companies working in the construction sector must abide by the precautionary measures within the work sites described below:

   - Ensure that workers get off buses regularly and maintain a distance of not less than 2 meters between the worker and the other and work to measure the temperature of the workers as soon as they disembark and in if the temperature is found to be high, any worker is immediately isolated and transferred to the competent health authorities.

   - Provide and oblige workers to wear personal protective equipment such as muzzles, gloves and glasses.

   - Distribution of workers to work sites in groups of not more than 3 to 5 people and ensuring their entry into places with emphasis on the topic of spacing between workers for 2 meters during the processing of work at the site as much as possible and avoiding overcrowding of workers inside the lifts of people transporting goods providing tools and materials sterilization Clearance is sufficient in various locations on site such as entrances, exits, temporary offices, warehouses, bathrooms and all floors of the project.

   - Distribution of workers’ rest times at the sites at different times in order to avoid gatherings in rest and dining areas while ensuring safety distance among them and providing cups and tools for use …

   With the emphasis on the construction control department in the municipality to continue to provide its services to workers in the construction sector as is currently applied in all circumstances to ensure the smooth flow of work and without any obstacles through the Dubai Building Permit supposition system where all applications are received and the dates of disclosure are fixed. Electronically around the clock with the provision of communication numbers to the engineers concerned to ensure the easy and easy delivery of the service to all customers and this applies to all services represented as: structural audit service on ceilings, foundations and metal structures of buildings service issuing certificates of completion service Issuing permits for the transfer of sand service issuing night work permits service recovery of construction insurances issuance certificates completion of demolition works service issuing temporary works permits for land change service contractors and consultants and completion disputes
7. **Precautionary measures to be followed when returning to accommodation.**

Get off the bus in a sequential form and line up in line with a distance of 2 meters between the individuals housing officials check the temperatures of the workers and track the appearance of symptoms suspected on the workers. If the worker's temperature is 37.8°C or more, the measurement is re-measured after 15 minutes, taking care to wait for the worker in a shaded waiting area in case the worker’s temperature is confirmed to rise after the examination 3 times in a row (with a time difference of 15 minutes) or the appearance of apparent suspect symptoms such as coughing - colds. The following is taken: isolating the worker inside a single isolation room with an suite bathroom (in case there is no room with a separate bathroom to be assigned a private bathroom for him) contact with the DHA to take the necessary measures to isolate the individuals who are with him in the same room until the status of the suspect worker is confirmed If the worker is confirmed to be infected, contact the DHA to transfer contacts to quarantine. Housing is sterilized by a Dubai Municipality-certified company using antimicrobials approved by Dubai Municipality.
Procedures work flow of workers entering the accommodation

1. The need for a worker to enter the accommodation

2. Standing in a row, leaving 2 meters between individuals

3. Measure the temperature using infrared and document each measurement in a custom log
   - The temperature is normal 37 c
   - The temperature is 37.8 c or higher

4. Allowing entering to the accommodation

5. Wait within a shaded waiting area for 15 minutes

6. Re measure the workers temperature using conventional devices (measuring temperature by oral or underarm)
   - The temperature is normal 37 c
   - The temperature is 37.8 c or higher

7. Put worker into quarantine for 14 days, with daily check up

8. Re measure temperature after 24 hours or other symptoms shown like cough, exhaustion or breathing difficulties
   - The temperature is normal 37 c
   - The temperature is 37.8 c or higher

9. Contact DHO to take necessary measures Covid-19 test for confirmation
   - Examine and isolate the individuals involved in the previous case inside their rooms until their safety is confirmed

10. Evacuation and sterilization of the accommodation

11. Monitor any symptoms that appear on the worker, such as (coughing, colds, runny nose, etc.)

12. Are there symptoms?
   - No
   - Yes


14. Isolating individuals in contact with the previous case inside their rooms until safety is confirmed
8. Construction workers' transport permit form (Dubai Municipality)

Transportation Permit For construction companies

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• التصريح خاص بشركات النقل العامة بالأعمال الإنشائية في إمارة دبي.
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