






City of San Mateo Social Distancing Protocols for Building Inspection Sites During 2020 San Mateo County Order to Shelter-in-Place

Based on the [April 29, 2020 Order of the San Mateo County Health Officer](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of San Mateo is requiring implementation of the following social distancing protocols, as described in Appendix A of the Order, in order to ensure the health and safety of City staff and customers. City staff are implementing several safety precautions to ensure their own safety and the safety of those at inspection sites, and the following protocols apply to all field inspections.

	<p>Virtual inspections will be conducted in the following instances –</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">UFER Ground</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Minor Framing and Shear Nail</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Signs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Light Foundations and Footings</td> <td>Re-Roofs</td> <td>Roof Mount PV Solar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retaining Wall Footings</td> <td>Water Service</td> <td>Ground Mount PV Solar</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Slab on Grade</td> <td>Water Heaters</td> <td>Fireplace Inserts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rebar, Hold Downs</td> <td>Sewer Repairs</td> <td>Water Re-Pipes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Simple HVAC change outs</td> <td>Temporary Power Poles</td> <td>Insulation</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gas line air tests</td> <td>Window Replacements</td> <td>Drywall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bathroom & Kitchen Plumbing, Elec, Mech</td> <td>Cell Tower Antenna New and Replacements</td> <td>Exterior Siding</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shower Pan</td> <td>Trash Enclosures</td> <td>Stucco Mesh</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>All other inspections will be in-person and shall adhere to the Construction Project Safety Protocols from the April 29, 2020 Order of the San Mateo County Health Officer.</u></p>	UFER Ground	Minor Framing and Shear Nail	Signs	Light Foundations and Footings	Re-Roofs	Roof Mount PV Solar	Retaining Wall Footings	Water Service	Ground Mount PV Solar	Slab on Grade	Water Heaters	Fireplace Inserts	Rebar, Hold Downs	Sewer Repairs	Water Re-Pipes	Simple HVAC change outs	Temporary Power Poles	Insulation	Gas line air tests	Window Replacements	Drywall	Bathroom & Kitchen Plumbing, Elec, Mech	Cell Tower Antenna New and Replacements	Exterior Siding	Shower Pan	Trash Enclosures	Stucco Mesh
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	<p>All inspection site personnel shall maintain a safe distance of 6 feet or more from City staff and all other individuals at the site - The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads through close person-to-person contact, and maintaining a buffer of at least 6 feet between people is thought to prevent the spread of the virus.</p> <p><i>In-person interactions at job sites shall be limited to only those required in order to complete the inspection - If the job site is not cleared of non-essential personnel, the inspector may elect to not inspect the site at his/her discretion.</i></p>																											
	<p>No inspection will occur if individuals at the site display cold or flu symptoms – If anyone on-site is experiencing a cough, fever, or shortness of breath, ask that they go home until their symptoms subside. In addition, if anyone at the site has experienced COVID-19 symptoms, come into contact with anyone diagnosed positive, or traveled abroad in the last 14 days, you must let the inspector know before the inspection occurs.</p> <p><i>City inspectors reserve the right to cancel any inspection if uncomfortable with site conditions or if any contact shows sign of illness.</i></p>																											



Practice proper hygiene – The virus that causes COVID-19 can remain active on many surfaces for a significant period of time. As a result, those at the inspection site shall take the following precautions:

- Wear a face covering at all times – this includes any type of cloth, fabric, or other soft material that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face
- Do not shake hands or make any other physical contact with City staff at the inspection site
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a cloth, tissue, or the inside of your elbow, NOT your hands
- Ensure that any objects that may need to be touched through the course of an inspection have been sanitized with a disinfectant listed by the [EPA as effective against SARS-CoV-2](#);
- Sanitize hands with a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol after touching any hard surfaces and at the end of each inspection through the use of an approved hand sanitizer or by washing hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.