COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

FOR SASKATCHEWAN MINING INDUSTRY

Mine and Mill Operations









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The health and safety of workers at Saskatchewan mine and mill sites, and their families, is of paramount importance to SMA member companies and a number of precautionary measures have been taken by SMA members in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While all companies with mine and mill sites operate under a specific pandemic plan, there are a number of elements that are common to all mine and mill sites. These are the **minimum** precautions taken and additional measures may be employed at mine and mill sites on a site-specific basis using a risk-informed approach.

All companies follow the direction of the province's Chief Medical Health Officer

Pre-site Access

- company communication to all employees with respect to company-specific COVID-19 response actions/requirements
- employees are required to self isolate at home for 14 days:
 - o if they have travelled outside of Canada
 - o if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
 - o return to work only after consultation with site nurse and/or the Saskatchewan Health Authority
 - o contact tracing conducted for any positive tests
- employees must not exhibit any COVID-related symptoms, if sick, employees are required to call 811 and follow the advice of the medical professionals
 - o return to work only after consultation with site nurse and/or the Saskatchewan Health Authority
 - o contact tracing conducted for any positive tests
- screening questionnaire conducted prior to accessing site
- implementation of Body Temperature Screening (thermometer, thermal imaging, etc.) where deemed appropriate by facility leadership

Mines and Mills

- increased communication around COVID-19 issues
- commitment to physical distancing (2m spacing)
 - where workers are required to work within the 2 m spacing, practice respiratory hygiene and use appropriate PPE as provided
- increased focus on personal hygiene including handwashing
- reminders to not share personal items such as communication devices, cigarettes, vaping equipment, clothing, grooming products, etc.
- reminders to not share PPE that is intended for personal use
- non-essential workers from sites and corporate offices are generally working from home
- restricting access to sites and company offices with respect to deliveries and contractors to only essential items
- increased sanitization of high touch areas
- reduction of the number of workers allowed in elevators based on elevator size
- reduction in the number of employees allowed in above ground and underground vehicles to maximizing physical distancing
- reduction in the number of workers allowed in break rooms and lunchrooms
- staggering of break, lunch and work schedules
- reduction in the number of individuals attending (or increase in the size of the room used for) toolbox talks or meetings
- increased usage of marker lines on the floor to delineate physical distancing in common congregation areas
- increased focus on mental health