



ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS

Cases of COVID 19 are rising in Ontario. Although cases reported from construction sites are low, we must remain diligent and continue to set the standard for Ontario's workplaces. ECAO and IBEW CCO remind you of the importance of practising health and safety measures to mitigate the potential spread of the virus on job sites and to continue to keep our communities safe.

Graeme Aitken, Executive Director of ECAO, stated "We are, and should be, proud of our performance as a community throughout this pandemic. At the core of our outstanding performance is our being ever-diligent and committed to one another and our communities."

Employers must ensure they have appropriate measures in place to protect workers. We must continue to reiterate and enforce health and safety practices such as, physical distancing, proper hand and tool sanitation and the wearing of masks in the workplace (and elsewhere).

James Barry, Executive Secretary Treasurer of IBEW CCO, commented "Our main priority is the health and safety of our workers and contractors. We have set the bar high for performance during the pandemic and we must maintain this standard with continued diligence."

Employees must do their part in following these protocols to such as; physical distancing, proper hand and tool sanitation, and the wearing of masks in the workplace (and elsewhere), thereby ensuring the safety of themselves, their co-workers, their families, and the community at large.

Our industry is unique with most of the work performed on site alongside other trades. This makes proper screening vital. Employers must ensure that individuals exhibiting any COVID 19 symptoms or if a worker was in contact with an infected individual, that the worker is not allowed on the jobsite.

We must not let our guard down especially with the onset of a second wave. We must mitigate any potential impact on the construction industry. Now is the time to double our efforts to become more diligent and to do our part!

ECAO and IBEW CCO will continue to work together to support their members. We must all rise to the challenge and **stop the spread** of COVID 19. As James and Graeme stated previously, "We will come out of this closer and stronger".