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## **Covid-19 and Construction Sites : Scan of jurisdictions outside of Ontario**

### **New York:**

Construction continues so far. Article notes that people are generally spread out on a construction site.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/real-estate/amid-covid-19-shutdown-ny-construction-projects-chug-along>

### **California:**

Construction sites remain open.

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/covid-19-shelter-in-place-orders-exempt-89804/>

### **Boston:**

Construction sites are shut down

<https://archpaper.com/2020/03/boston-imposes-citywide-moratorium-on-construction-coronavirus/>

### **Houston**

Houston chapter of the American General Contractors Association has developed a protocol for construction site safety.

<https://www.agc.org/sites/default/files/3.17%20COVID19%20Recommended%20Practices%20%282%29.pdf>

### **Atlanta**

Permitting and inspections continue in Atlanta, but with remote work becoming more prevalent and person-to-person contact restricted, some additional delays in response time should be expected. Plans submitted online should be processed as usual, city officials have said. Mike Dunham, CEO of the Associated General Contractors of Georgia, said he's heard from only one contractor who's been forced to shut down a job site due to the virus—and that was because of its proximity to a school.

<https://atlanta.curbed.com/2020/3/18/21184074/coronavirus-atlanta-development-covid-19-construction>

### **Singapore: supply chain, force majeure, and general information on the workplace**

In Singapore, this is an acute problem for contractors, because most of the building and construction industry's materials, plant and equipment, and labour come from everywhere except Singapore – this includes Portland cement, marble, tiles, chipboard, appliances, screws and even epoxy resin!

With the adoption of pre-fabricated pre-finished volumetric construction (PPVC) in many building development projects in Singapore, one can surely imagine the repercussions on the construction process even when there is only one missing item.

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/covid-19-from-construction-to-10944/>

The Singapore Building Construction Authority (BCA), which regulates buildings, refers to the Ministry of Health (MOH). Links are very slow so I was not able to get more info.

<https://www1.bca.gov.sg/COVID-19>

### **International law firm Norton Rose Fulbright comments on COVID-19**

Norton Rose Fulbright comments on COVID 19 and construction contracts. The type of relief available to a party will depend upon the specific wording of the contract and the factual matrix – which countries are involved with the project, its supply chain and the workforce.

<https://www.nortonrosefulbright.com/en/knowledge/publications/cccb41b/covid19-and-the-uk-construction-sector-issues-to-consider>