

State of Colorado Electrical and Plumbing Inspection Guidance During COVID-19 Pandemic

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Professions and Occupations (Division) has modified its procedures for electrical and plumbing inspections. The revised procedures prioritize the safety of industry workers, consumers and inspectors, while preserving Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while being mindful to minimize any impact on industry. Please note the procedures are subject to change at any time, given the dynamic nature of the current situation.

Moving forward, state inspectors will be ensuring that on-site industry personnel adhere to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Executive Orders from the Governor regarding social distancing and state facemask recommendations, while also using multi-industry construction guidance, Centers for Disease Control and Occupational Safety and Hazard Administration recommendations, DPA fleet vehicle policies, and other sources. These sources have been amalgamated into Division policy.

For the duration of the national COVID-19 emergency, licensees should be aware of the following framework for inspection procedures:

- The *inspection area* should remain clear of all workers during inspection. The current procedures do not require the job site to be completely cleared of personnel during the inspection. Instead, the inspector will require only the *inspection area* to be cleared during inspection. This procedure takes into account extreme social distancing while allowing the state to preserve PPE.
- For occupied interior residential inspections, permit applicants will be encouraged to elect our new Remote Video Inspection option. Guidelines for Remote Video Inspections are available on the Division's <u>Electrical Board</u> and <u>Plumbing Board</u> webpages.

We appreciate your partnership and patience as we work together through this unprecedented situation. Please contact the Division via email at dora eandp permits@state.co.us with questions or concerns.