

## MEMBER BULLETIN

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# COVID-19 Inspection Blitz Beginning Friday, April 16 for Construction Sites

The Ontario government will begin targeted provincewide inspections of construction sites beginning Friday, April 16th, dispatching 200 workplace inspectors, supported by provincial offenses officers, to visit 1,300 construction sites to enforce safety requirements.

Details were provided today by Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "Construction workers continue to be needed on the frontlines to build hospitals, testing centres, broadband and other critical infrastructure our province needs," said Minister McNaughton. "We've inspected these worksites regularly throughout the pandemic, but it is more important than ever, with these new variants spreading, that we continue to ensure that construction worksites are following the rules and that workers who still go to work every day are protected."

Inspectors will be checking that employers understand the risks associated with COVID-19, including how to reduce the spread in their workplace, and that measures and procedures are in place to keep workers safe. They will also be ensuring that workers are practising safe work habits both on the clock and on breaks, checking for physical distancing and wearing appropriate personal protective equipment when required.

Hot-spot workplace inspections in Ottawa, Toronto and York Region build on recent intensified inspection campaigns in Peel and Halton Regions last weekend. These campaigns will focus on enforcing the COVID-19 safety requirements and identifying those who are not following the rules. Violations may result in fines of up to \$750 for individuals and \$1,000 for businesses.

For more information, please [Click Here](#).

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