

Health and Safety Association Guidance Documents for Workplaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak

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The Ontario government works closely with four provincial health and safety associations (HSAs) to help set, communicate and enforce the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

In partnership with the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, the HSAs have released a series of more than 50 technical sector guidance documents to further support employers and employees in remaining safe in the workplace during the COVID-19 outbreak.

[Infrastructure Health and Safety Association](#) (IHSA) comprises the former Construction Safety Association of Ontario, Electrical & Utilities Safety Association of Ontario, and Transportation Health and Safety Association of Ontario. It serves the construction, electrical and utilities, aggregates, natural gas, ready-mix concrete and transportation sectors.

IHSA guidance documents can be found [here](#).

Public Service Health and Safety Association(PSHSA) comprises the former Education Safety Association of Ontario, Municipal Health and Safety Association, and Ontario Safety Association for Community and Healthcare. It serves hospitals, nursing and retirement homes, residential and community care, universities and colleges, school boards, libraries and museums, municipalities, provincial government and agencies, police, fire and paramedics and First Nations.

PSHSA guidance documents can be found [here](#).

Workplace Safety North(WSN) comprises the former Mines and Aggregates Safety and Health Association, Ontario Forestry Safe Workplace Association, Ontario Mine Rescue, and Pulp and Paper Health and Safety Association. It serves the forestry, mining, smelters, refineries, paper, printing and converting sectors.

WSN guidance documents can be found [here](#).

[Workplace Safety and Prevention Services](#)(WSPS) comprises the former Farm Safety Association, Industrial Accident Prevention Association, and Ontario Service Safety Alliance. It serves the agriculture, manufacturing, and service sectors.

WSPS guidance documents can be found [here](#).

The ministry has also prepared guidance notes for five key economic sectors :

- [Construction](#)
- [Food processing](#)
- [Restaurant and food services](#)
- [Agriculture](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)

HSA	Sector	Resource	URL
IHSA	Construction	Guidance on Worker Procedures Handling Paperwork	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-worker-procedures-handling-paperwork-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Construction	Guidance on Worker Responsibilities with COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-worker-responsibilities-with-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Construction	Guidance on Construction Facility Hygiene During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-construction-facility-hygiene-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Construction	Guidance on Construction Supervisor Responsibilities (COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure)	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-construction-supervisor-responsibilities.pdf
IHSA	Construction	Best Practices for the Employer-Responding to a	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/best-practices-worker-responsibilities-employer-in-construction-industry.pdf

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		Suspected COVID-19 Exposure	
IHSA	Construction	Best Practices for the Constructor - Responding to a Suspected COVID-19 Exposure	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/best-practices-w-responsibilities-constructor-in-construction-industry.pdf
IHSA	Construction	Guidance on Tool Sharing (Hand Tools) Constructor/Employer Procedure During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-tool-sharing-constructor-employer-procedure-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Construction	Guidance on PPE (Cleaning Respirators) During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-ppe-cleaning-respirators-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Transportation	Guidance on Shippers and Receivers During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-shippers-receivers-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Transportation	Guidance on Mental Health Awareness for Transport Drivers During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-mental-health-awareness-for-transport-drivers-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Transportation	Guidance on Precautions for	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-precautions-for-transport-drivers-during-covid-19.pdf

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		Transport Drivers During COVID-19	
IHSA	Transportation	Guidance on Fuelling of Vehicles During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-fuelling-vehicles-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Construction/ Transportation	Guidance on Handling and Receiving Packages (All Persons at Work or at Home) During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-handling-and-receiving-packages-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Transportation	Guidance on Cleaning and Sanitizing Inside Your Vehicle During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-cleaning-and-sanitizing-inside-your-vehicle-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Transportation	Transportation Services Health and Safety During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/transportation-services-health-and-safety-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Transportation	Guidance on Rest Stop Hygiene During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-rest-stop-hygiene-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Transportation	Guidance on Hours of Service and Fatigue Management	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-hours-of-service-and-fatigue-management-for-employers-during-covid-19.pdf

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		(For Employers) During COVID-19	
IHSA	Utilities	Guidance on Performing Powerline Technician (PLT) Tasks During COVID- 19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/guidance-on-performing-powerline-technician-plt-tasks-during-covid-19.pdf
IHSA	Utilities	Waste Collection Worker Health and Safety During COVID-19	https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/alerts/COVID19/waste-collection-worker-health-and-safety-during-covid-19.pdf
PSHSA	Health Care	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Food Services in Health Care	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-during-covid-19-for-foodservice-workers-in-healthcare
PSHSA	Health Care	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Long Term Care	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-during-covid-19-for-long-term-care
PSHSA	Health Care	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Community Laboratory And Specimen Collection Centres	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-during-covid-19-for-community-laboratory-and-specimen-collection-centres

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PSHSA	Health Care	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Physician and Primary Care Provider Employers	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-covid-19-for-physician-and-primary-care-provider-employers
PSHSA	Health Care	COVID-19: Precautions When Working As A Personal Support Worker, Home and Care Provider	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/covid-19-precautions-when-working-as-a-personal-support-worker-home-and-care-provider
PSHSA	Social Services	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Social & Community Services (Group Homes) Employers	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-covid-19-for-social-community-services-group-homes-employers
PSHSA	Corrections	COVID-19: Precautions When Working As A Correctional Officer	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/covid-19-precautions-when-working-as-a-correctional-officer
PSHSA	Office	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Employers of Office Settings	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-covid-19-for-employers-of-office-settings

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PSHSA	Transit	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Transit Employers	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-covid-19-for-transit-employers
PSHSA	Transit	COVID-19: Precautions When Working As A Transit Worker	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/covid-19-precautions-when-working-as-a-transit-worker
PSHSA	Police Services	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Police Service Workers	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-covid-19-for-police-service-workers
PSHSA	Fire Services	Health and Safety Guidance During COVID-19 For Firefighters	https://www.pshsa.ca/resources/health-and-safety-guidance-covid-19-for-firefighters
WSN	Mining	Guidance on mining during COVID-19	https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/2020-04-08/19-Workplace-Safety-North-Mining-Guidance-2020-04-08.pdf
WSN	Forestry	Guidance on forestry during COVID-19	https://www.workplacesafetynorth.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/2020-04-08/19-Workplace-Safety-North-Forestry-Guidance-2020-04-08.pdf
WSPS	Retail	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Cashiers	https://www.wspcs.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/2020-04-08/19-cashiers-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf

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WSPS	Retail	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Retail Sector	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-retail-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Retail	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Retail General Labour Employees	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-retail-labour-employees-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Food Retail	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Stock, Produce, Meat or Grocery Associates	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-meat-grocery-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Food Retail	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Food Retail Sector	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-food-retail-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	General	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Curbside Pick Up and Delivery Services	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-delivery-service-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	General	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Executives and Management	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-management-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	General	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Sales and	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-sales-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf

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		Customer Service Representatives	
WSPS	Transportation	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Driver and Truck Driver	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/2020-04-19-drivers-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Transportation	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Shipping and Receiving Personnel	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/2020-04-19-shipping-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Funeral	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Funeral Jobs	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/2020-04-19-funeral-workers-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Hospitality	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Hotel Reception, Room Service and Front Line Staff	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/2020-04-19-hotel-reception-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Hospitality	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Hotel Housekeeping and Laundry	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/2020-04-19-housekeeping-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Maintenance	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Maintenance and Facilities	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/2020-04-19-maintenance-employees-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf

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		Maintenance Employees	
WSPS	Office	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Office Administration and Secretarial Staff	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-office-admin-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Office	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Office Sector	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-office-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Manufacturing	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Equipment Operators and General Labourers	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-equipment-operators-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Manufacturing	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Quality Control Engineers and Technicians	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-qa-engineers-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Manufacturing	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Supervisors, Production & Operations Management	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-operations-management-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf

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WSPS	Manufacturing	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Warehouse Workers, Forklift Operators & Material Handlers	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-warehouse-workers-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Manufacturing	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Warehousing Sector	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-vehicle-sales-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Auto	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Service Managers, Service Technicians and other Vehicle Sales and Service Employees	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-body-shop-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Auto	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Vehicle Sales and Service Sector	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-vehicle-sales-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Film/TV	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Television Hosts, Technical Crews and other TV and Film Employees	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-tv-hosts-crew-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf

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WSPS	Film/TV	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Television, Film and Live Performance Sector	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-television-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Tourism/Hospitality	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Tourism and Hospitality Sector	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-tourism-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Agriculture	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Agricultural Workers	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Images/Icons/covid-19-agricultural-workers-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Restaurants	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Restaurant Servers, Cooks and Dishwashers	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-restaurant-workers-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	General	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Lawn-Care Workers	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-lawn-care-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf
WSPS	Retail	COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidance for Garden Centre Workers	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-garden-centre-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf

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WSPS	General	Health and Safety Guidance for Marinas	https://www.wsps.ca/WSPS/media/Site/Resources/Download/19-marinas-health-and-safety-guidance.pdf?ext=.pdf

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