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# ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

## **LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **NEW PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTIONS (COVID-19)**

**August 24, 2020**

To protect the health of inspectors, contractors, and the construction industry, Lincoln County Planning staff/inspectors may decline to do an inspection or discontinue an inspection if they determine a work site fails to comply with applicable COVID-19 public health guidance.

These requirements include: (a) maintaining at least 6-feet of physical distance between people whenever possible, or (b) wearing face coverings (masks) ***at all times*** when Lincoln County's staff/inspectors are present. Lincoln County staff, at their discretion, may also require people to leave the premises or move to different sections of a structure during their inspections. This policy also applies to owner-occupied structures.

If our inspectors decide ***not*** to conduct an inspection, and, if you wish to discuss their decision to not do an inspection, please contact Al Eames (Lincoln County's Building Official) at 541-265-0231.

When our staff decides ***not*** to do an inspection, we will work with you to re-schedule that inspection. That way, in advance, together, arrangements can be made to do inspections in a way that protects the inspectors and the public.

We are also preparing a list of the kinds of inspections that, for the time being, can be done without our inspectors visiting a job site. Our Department will also issue guidance soon on alternative means to provide documentation on work being done for these inspections.

And finally, if there is anyone on site, exhibiting signs of illness, or, if they are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test or otherwise under quarantine, please, wait to schedule an inspection until the results of that test are known, and/or, 72 hours after symptoms have passed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.