

MEMO

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FROM: The Environmental Abatement Council of Canada

SUBJECT: Infection Control

Construction Related Infection Control preventive measures are required in all forms of maintenance, repairs, renovation, construction or demolition in any and all health care facilities in Canada. These measures are required in some form no matter how small the activity and no matter where in the facility the activity is conducted. The preventive measures prescribed for this work are detailed in the Canadian Standards Association CSA Z317.13-17 standard. A major component of this standard is to ensure dust generation and dispersion is controlled and kept from reaching the patient population where it can result in fatal fungal infection. With the stakes being so high it is in the best interest of General Contractors and Constructors to utilize professionals to implement these preventive measures. Just as contractors retain experienced mould clean-up contractors, and certified asbestos abatement workers, consideration should be given to using these trained, experienced and skilled workers on hospital projects. EACC contractors have extensive and invaluable experience and training in implementing and maintaining superior worksite containment. Retaining these trained professionals reduces overall General Contractor liability and helps to ensure due diligence for patient safety. EACC members can utilize their experience and training to reduce site time and increase containment efficacy having a positive impact to the construction budget and schedule.