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Multiplex site to shut down after confirmed COVID-19 cases

There have been 12 confirmed cases of Coronavirus at The Multiplex Premier Apartments site at 134-160 Spencer Street Melbourne (referred to as The Beyonce site) and up to 20 close or casual contact workers identified.

Following the 'Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Process' in line with recommendations provided by the Chief Health Officer and the DHHS, the construction company, Multiplex, were notified of the confirmed cases, along with the CFMEU, PPTEU, ETU and the AMWU. The site was immediately shut down for a full, hospital grade clean.

All workers identified as being in close and casual contact with the confirmed cases were immediately sent home and ordered to get tested and to self-isolate until they received their test results.

While the implementation of increased safety measures on sites has been positive, due to the increase in community virus transmissions, both Multiplex management and the collective unions agreed to a full site shut down. This measure has been taken to ensure the safety of all construction workers and Multiplex management on site.

All workers on this site were notified of the closure and the Incolink testing bus and medical team were on-site to offer tests for all workers who were asymptomatic as a further safety measure.

The CFMEU has been extremely proactive in the management and provision of COVID-19 measures, going to extensive lengths to ensure members are informed and abide by all the correct rules regarding COVID-19.

The health and safety of our members is of the utmost priority and we strongly condemn any behaviour that does not follow the appropriate measures put in place to protect our workers and the wider community.

We implore all members and construction workers to continue following all measures and guidelines put in place for their safety, including strict hygiene practices, social distancing, wearing of masks and separation of workers on meal breaks as outlined by the Premiers Office and the DHHS.

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