

APPRENTICESHIP

Training Starts Up with Social Distancing Measures

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A journey-level operator has their temperature taken before beginning testing.

Training has started again at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Joint Apprenticeship Training Center (OE3 JATC), but a few format changes have been made due to social distancing guidelines.

Only two journey-level operators are allowed to test at the training center at a time. Upon arriving at the training center to check in, participants have their temperature checked. There are two separate tents out in the field. These distanced tents are also where the journey-level operators go to take their written tests.

After the written tests are completed, they perform practical tests, wiping down equipment before and after. Participants drive their own

vehicles out to the field to meet their field foreman. In the field, there are separate restrooms for each person. OE3 JATC provides disinfectant in each of the restrooms, and operators are required to wipe them down before and after each use.

Some things at the OE3 JATC have not changed. If a journey-level operator wants to take a minimum qualification test, they will still need to call the training center at and get on the list. Journey-level operators are still able to test on three pieces of equipment on the day they are here. They will just have to wipe down equipment before and after testing.

With social distancing guidelines in mind, OE3 JATC wants to start small with training and look forward to training more when we can.