SAFELY REOPEN YOUR BUSINESS AFTER COVID-19 Fleet Operations

Businesses are starting to reopen, and they're doing so with the safety of their employees and customers in mind. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 is expected to remain a public health threat. Community containment has helped to slow the spread of this disease throughout the country, and we will need to continue to focus on these efforts. As our country slowly reinstates parts of the workforce, critical strategies need to be considered in anticipation of returning to business operations.



Facts

- » COVID-19 is spread mainly from person to person.
- » Increased chance of transmission when within 6 feet of an infected individual.
- » Spread through respiratory droplets produced from coughs, sneezes, or talking.
- » Respiratory droplets can be inhaled into lungs or land in mouths and noses.
- » COVID-19 can be spread by people showing no symptoms.



Exposures

- » Field staff drivers, sales staff, machine operators, and other company employees.
- » As a driver for your employer, you spend several hours a day in your vehicle delivering goods, traveling from jobsite to jobsite, etc. However, you will at times come in close contact with other people such as fuel station attendants, store clerks, dock workers, co-workers, customers, field staff crews, and work crews on active job-sites.
- » As the local, state, and federal governments lift the COVID-19 restrictions and areas begin to open up, drivers will feel the impact of increased traffic on the roadways and increased pedestrian traffic in and around our nation's metropolitan areas.



What you can do on the job to stop the spread

- » If you or a family member that resides in your home shows potential symptoms of COVID-19 (dry cough, difficulty breathing, or fever), stay home and inform your manager immediately.
- » Carry hand sanitizer containing at least 60% -70% alcohol concentrations with you at all times and use regularly after a delivery, after working at a jobsite, prior to entering your vehicle, etc.

- » When possible wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- » As part of your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), wear a cloth face covering or mask when in close contact with customers, co-workers, etc. (especially when social distancing of 6 feet or more cannot be achieved).
- » Avoid shaking hands and continue practicing social distancing.
- » When signing documents, use your own pen and do not share with anybody else. Disinfect hands and pen once finished signing all documents.
- » Wear gloves at deliveries, fueling stations, jobsites, etc. If you do not have gloves, utilize a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% -70% alcohol concentrations frequently. Clean the fuel pump handle prior to use.
- » Whenever possible, stay in the vehicle's cabin at customer locations, jobsites, etc.



Clean and disinfect

- » Be sure to clean your vehicles, equipment, tools, etc.
- » Create a cleaning and disinfecting routine along with conducting your pre- and post-trip inspections.
- » Clean all frequently touched surfaces such as steering wheel, radio controls, GPS controls, door handles, and other small tools used throughout the work day.
- » Throughout the day, ventilate the vehicle's cabin by opening windows at your stopping points for fresh air.



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Your safety and well-being are our primary concern. These suggestions are general in nature, so please ensure that any activities you contemplate comply with all federal, state, and local COVID-19 orders impacting your facilities or operations as well as CDC guidelines for social distancing, hygiene, and other recommended best practices.

Our risk control services are advisory only. We assume no responsibility for: managing or controlling customer safety activities, implementing any recommended corrective measures, or identifying all potential hazards.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Trucking Association, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration https://www.harfordmutual.com/about/covid-19/