



Maintenance Employees and COVID-19

In an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19, the following information has been put together by North America's Building Trades Union (NABTU), Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Maintenance/Shop Employers:

- Create at least 6 feet between workers by staging/staggering employees to prevent droplet spread.
- Plan for office staff to have the ability to work from home, if possible.
- Provide soap and running water in the shop, breakrooms, and restrooms for frequent handwashing. If that is impossible, provide hand sanitizer.
- Develop an Infectious Disease Control Program address the control and spread of diseases.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in the shop, breakrooms, restrooms, and offices frequently (for example: hand rails, door knobs, toilets) per CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- Establish guidelines for mechanics entering vehicles for servicing in order to minimize exposure for mechanics and drivers. Guidelines should include use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and disinfecting surfaces the mechanics touch.
- Propagate a tool cleaning program per these guidelines: https://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/Milwaukee_Tools-Tool_Cleaning.pdf
- Create a plan and response protocol: <https://www.lhsfna.org/index.cfm/coronavirus-fact-sheet/>

Maintenance/Shop Workers:

- Do not go to work if you are feeling sick.
- Do not shake hands when greeting others.
- Stay 6 feet away from others in the shop, breakrooms, restrooms, and offices, including any gatherings, meetings, or training sessions.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Do not share phones, tablets, and hand tools you normally would with other employees.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wear gloves throughout the day that may be changed frequently and washed after use.
- Change clothing and remove gloves & other personal protective equipment (PPE) prior to entering your home. Shower daily.
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissues if you cough or sneeze, or do so into your elbow.
- Clean your hands often by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%-95% alcohol. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty.
- Propagate a tool cleaning program per these guidelines: https://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/Milwaukee_Tools-Tool_Cleaning.pdf

- When entering vehicles, minimize the touching of surfaces in the cab. Disinfect surfaces you touch. Change gloves after exiting every vehicle and wash hands with soap.
- Plans for an employee response from COVID 19: <https://www.lhsfna.org/index.cfm/recommended-covid-19-response-plan-for-construction-employers/>

Clean hands after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.

