

**The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has offered the following guidance for manufacturing workers, to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19).**

**IF YOU ARE IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, THE FOLLOWING TIPS CAN HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO THE CORONAVIRUS:**

- ▶ Encourage workers to stay home if they are sick.
- ▶ Establish flexible work hours (e.g., staggered shifts), if feasible.
- ▶ Practice sensible social distancing and maintain six feet between co-workers, where possible.
- ▶ For work activities where social distancing is a challenge, consider limiting the duration of these activities and/or implementing innovative approaches, such as temporarily moving or repositioning workstations to create more distance or installing barriers (e.g., plexiglass shields) between workstations.
- ▶ Monitor public health communications about COVID-19 recommendations for the workplace and ensure that workers have access to and understand that information.
- ▶ Train workers on how to properly put on, use/wear, take-off, and maintain protective clothing and equipment.
- ▶ Allow workers to wear masks over their nose and mouth to prevent spread of the virus.
- ▶ Encourage respiratory etiquette, including covering coughs and sneezes.
- ▶ Discourage workers from using other workers' tools and equipment.
- ▶ Use Environmental Protection Agency-approved cleaning chemicals from [List N](#) or that have label claims against the coronavirus.
- ▶ Promote personal hygiene. If workers do not have access to soap and water for handwashing, provide alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60 percent alcohol. Provide disinfectants and disposable towels workers can use to clean work surfaces.
- ▶ Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

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