

COVID-19 Safety Precautions for People at Underground Storage Tank Locations



- **Promote frequent and thorough handwashing** through word of mouth, policy, and signage. Provide workers, customers, and worksite visitors with a place to wash their hands. Ensure soap and paper towels are stocked.
- **Provide alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60% alcohol** if soap and running water are not immediately available. These hand rubs are not a substitute for handwashing. If available, always wash your hands.
- **Do not come to work sick.** Employees who have symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) or who live with, care for, or have had repeated exposure to someone who is sick should notify their supervisor and stay home. Contact your primary care provider or use tele-medicine options to obtain return to work permission.
- **Use proper respiratory etiquette**, including covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or using the inside of your sleeve. Wash your hands immediately or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Provide customers with hand rubs, tissues, and trash receptacles** in easily accessible locations, such as entranceways and fuel dispenser islands. Ensure trash cans are maintained and not overfilled.
- **Employers should encourage social distancing in their policies and practices**, such as flexible worksites (e.g., telecommuting) and flexible work hours or locations (e.g., staggered shifts), to increase the physical distance among employees and between employees and customers, especially for those at an increased risk of exposure.
- **Discourage workers from using other workers' personal items** including phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment.
- **Maintain regular and increased housekeeping practices**, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, equipment, and other elements of the work environment. Consider assigning this task to specific employees.
- **Select chemicals that claim to be effective against emerging viral pathogens.** Products with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Find the EPA registration number on your chemicals and see if they are listed here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- **Use and store chemicals properly** by following the instructions and warnings as listed on the instructions or SDS sheets, paying attention to concentration, contact time, application method, and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements.
- **Do not spray chemicals directly on electronic equipment**, such as automatic tank gauges, point-of-sale systems, headsets, or monitors. Use a pre-moistened disinfectant or spray the chemical onto a single-use towel to wipe down these surfaces. Ensure the surface stays visibly wet for the minimum contact time listed on the container.
- **Disinfect high-touch surfaces more frequently** including anything with a handle, knob, or access bar (e.g. door handle, pump handle), remotes, keypads, holders, buttons, cards, and touchscreen surfaces.
- **Gloves do not equal clean hands.** Wearing gloves for more than one task does not keep your hands clean and provides a false sense of security. Only use gloves as PPE or when following food safety practices. Do not blow into gloves to expand it. Do not reuse gloves. Discard gloves when torn. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.

Up-to-date information on COVID-19 is available on the Health District's website at www.snhd.info/coronavirus.

For specific questions and answers about COVID-19, call (702) 759-INFO (4636) 7 a.m.–7 p.m. daily.