SAFELY REOPEN YOUR BUSINESS AFTER COVID-19
Manufacturing

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

» Close contact with co-workers in work areas, break areas, and common area.

» Contact with equipment that others have worked on and come in contact with.

» Contact with vendors bringing materials into facility as well as picking up finished product for shipping.

What you can do on the job to stop the spread

» Remember when working around machinery and equipment always follow manufacture guidelines for safety inspections and sanitation.

» Follow the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) hierarchy of controls: Elimination, Substitution, Engineering Controls, Administrative Controls, and Personal Protective Equipment.

» Encourage workers to stay at home when sick.

» Create a new healthy workplace policy and train employees.

Working around other employees

» Take employee temperature when first entering the building. If documenting follow HIPPA regulations.

» Practice social distancing and maintain a minimum of 6 feet between co-workers.

» Teach employees on proper etiquette for covering coughs and sneeze.

» Discourage employees from sharing tools and equipment or sharing food.

» Educate employees on personal hygiene – Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using alcohol-based hand wipes containing at least 60% -70% alcohol concentrations when soap and water are not available.

» Supply workers with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as eye protection, face shields or facemasks, disposable gloves, disposable outerwear, and hats.

» Train employees on how to properly wear, take off, and inspect Personal Protective Equipment.

Phyical Facility

» If there are multiple spare lines for same type of production, run all lines at 50% capacity.

» Create space on manufacturing lines by staggering position of workers; consider temporarily moving or repositioning workstations; add Plexiglas partitions when distancing is not possible; designate one-way traffic flows with arrows or signage.

» Establish flexible hours or stagger shifts to minimize large groups.

» Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved cleaning chemicals from List N; Disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2.

» Sanitize high volume touchpoints prior to first starting machines. Additional sanitization should be done every three hours, after each break, and before each start up. Sanitize the full workspace after production hours.

» Delivery drivers should not enter facility without proper masks. They should be contained to a specific area and unload their own vehicles if possible. Area should be disinfected after deliveries are made.