Overview: Reducing COVID-19 Spread on Your Farm

Our team of agricultural safety trainers has developed practical tips for daily farm operations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This information is based on the Centers for Disease Control guidance.

**What Matters?**

**Distance:** Keeping a distance of at least six feet and wearing cloth face coverings is recommended to reduce the chance of spreading germs to one another.

**Why?**

People with no sign of illness can spread the virus to others. The longer we’re near someone who may be sick, the more likely we get sick too.

**How to make it work?**

Think about times workers are close together on the job, and how to spread them out:

- Instead of paper time cards, try a mobile phone app for clocking in and out
- Have workers eat at different times, instead of all together
- Have workers take breaks in different locations
- Hold virtual meetings and call or text to communicate rather than meet face to face
- Instead of holding meetings in a break room, try a larger space or outside

- For some job tasks, change schedules or move tasks to limit time together in a small space
- Keep in-person conversations short and stay at least 6 feet apart if you can
- Start work shifts at different times when possible
- For tasks that require groups, arrange small teams so that they are working with the same people

**Time:**

We may share germs through sneezing or coughing, or talking. These germs can float in the air and be inhaled, land on someone else or land on surfaces.

We may share germs by touching the same tools, tractors, fixtures, trucks, or other surfaces as our coworkers.

- Anyone on the farm who is sick should stay home and away from other people
- Teach everyone to sneeze or cough into their elbow or a tissue
- Provide a trash can with a foot-controlled lid for throwing out used tissues
- Tell everyone to wash their hands right after using a tissue
- Wear cloth face coverings that cover the nose and mouth
- In buildings, keep windows open or use fans to draw air out of the room

- Do not share tools if possible; use different colored tape or a permanent marker to individually label
- Assign job tasks to fewer workers so that less people need to touch the same objects
- Keep disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer in vehicles and work stations
- Have workers bring jugs or bottles of water to work with names on them
- Add a cleaning and disinfecting schedule to the list of daily chores

**Hygiene:**

**Contact:**

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