## Safety Committee COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Control Guidance 8-1-2020

The COVID-19 virus is an additional recognized hazard in the workplace. Multiple levels of safeguards (controls) are necessary to prevent or reduce the potential for exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19. An established COVID-19 Safety Plan with supporting protocols is a must at each business.

One of the first steps, is a COVID-19 worksite risk assessment. A joint committee of both hourly and salary workers taking a deeper look at job tasks, policies, and procedures for any potential COVID-19 spreading or exposures. The overall safety management system addressing social distancing, hygiene, cleaning, PPE, facial coverings, tooling, vehicles, machinery, disinfection, training, contractor and visitor protocols, travel, exposure, person of higher risks, chemicals must be assessed and select appropriate controls.

When completing the assessment talk to the workers of the area you are evaluating, to explain the work and procedures in place. Those who do the task can provide valuable information on how to control risks. Documenting the risk assessment is key. There are many different forms to choose from, there is no required form or risk assessment process. Controls or interim controls should be applied prior to continuing the specific task or operation.

## OSHA has provided support:

Guidance on Preparing the Workplace: <u>https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf</u> Hazard COVID-19 Recognition: <u>https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/hazardrecognition.html</u> Dividing the exposures into four different levels, as shown here: <u>https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3993.pdf</u> Controlling hazards: <u>https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hazardoustoxicsubstances/control.html</u>

## CDC support:

Assessing Risk Factors for Severe COVID-19 Illness: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/investigations-discovery/assessing-risk-factors.html

Investigating and responding to COVID-19 cases in non-healthcare work settings: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/non-healthcare-work-settings.html

Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Work Restrictions **for Healthcare Personnel** with Potential Exposure to COVID-19: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html</u>

<u>IUE-CWA support</u>: Contact the Safety Department if you need assistance or additional resources for conducting a risk assessment.

## COVID-19 RISK ASSESSMENT

The following risk assessment form is to help your joint safety committee, document the recognized hazards and control each in your effort to safeguard everyone from spreading or being exposure to the virus. After the risk assessment is completed, the committee will also continuously monitor for any deficiencies or additional needs.

Recognized	Hazard	Affects Who	Control	Champion	Closed	Confirm	Additional Controls
Hazard	Location(s)				Date	Control	
Plan			Do		Check	Act	
Find risks	List all	List all those	List a control measure for each	Name of	What date	Verify the control	Added controls for the risk
of	locations	who may be	recognized location to prevent	Person	the	is safeguarding	of COVID-19 as found
COVID-19	with this risk.	affected by	risk. (Recognized Hazard)	accountable	control(s)	the risk.	necessary.
in the	(Recognized	this risk.		to safeguard	were	(Recognized	
workplace.	hazard)	(Recognized	Utilize the Hazards of Control to	risk by	completed	Hazard)	Re-start the hazard thru the
		hazard)	ensure you choose the highest	applying			assessment process if not
			level of safeguarding.	control(s).			eliminated.
Virus	Breakroom	Workers	* Limit breakroom to XX amount				
Exposure		Visitors	of people.				
by not		Contractors	Rearrange break tables providing				
social			distance between seating				
distancing			* Tape areas to mark off distance				
6ft.			of 6-ft providing a visual guide.				
			* Post signage to inform *				
			Stagger break times				
			* Limit or provide break areas to				
			specific groups				