

Stay up to date on the coronavirus outbreak with reliable sources such as the CDC and World Health Organization.

Follow us!
Twitter:
@LouMetroHealth

Facebook:
@LouPublicHealth



Promoting Health And Safety: Covid 19 Tips For Businesses Deemed Essential

- Prescreen employees prior to working: take temperatures, question/observe for symptoms.
- Remove chairs, separate chairs, work stations, desks at least 6 feet apart. Clearly identify where they cannot be moved.
- Task an employee to monitor and advise others on social distancing.
- Ensure employees that are sick stay at home. Provide paid sick leave.
- Allow employees to work from home.
- **Follow recommendations** for when sick employees can return to work.
- Frequently clean surfaces in high traffic areas and touch points
- Post **signage** at all entrances (STOP – If you are sick or have been sick in the last 24 hours-Do Not Enter)
- Assign staff to clean and sanitize common surfaces more frequently. include doorknobs, light switches, handles, vending machines, countertops, clock-in areas, and any other area that people commonly touch or gather around.
- Promote regular and thorough handwashing using soap and warm water.
- Allow staff extra time for handwashing.
- **Post signage about social distancing** all around your business for your employees and customers.
- If you typically have customers waiting in line, consider marking six-foot intervals on the floor for patrons to stand on.
- Only let as many people in as your establishment can accommodate while everyone remains six feet apart. If people must wait to be let in, have them wait in their cars and contact them by phone when they can enter. Have employees remain six feet apart from patrons whenever possible.

Have a plan in place

- Plan to have extra supplies on hand for employees and visitors, including sinks with soap, hand sanitizers, tissues, and disposable surgical facemasks (for persons who start having symptoms).
- Disposable facemasks should be kept on-site and used only if someone (employee or guest) becomes sick in your facility Those who become sick should be immediately isolated from others who are not sick and given a clean disposable surgical facemask to wear.
- Plan for staff absences. Develop flexible attendance and sick-leave policies. Employees should stay home when they are sick, or they may need to stay home to care for a sick household member or care for their children in the event of school dismissals. Identify critical job functions and positions and plan for alternative coverage by cross-training employees (like planning for holiday staffing).
- If possible, identify a space that can be used to isolate staff or guests who become ill and cannot leave immediately. Work with partners, such as local hospitals, to create a plan for treating employees and participants who do not live nearby. Include a plan for separating and caring for vulnerable populations.
- Plan ways to limit in-person contact for employees. Several ways to do this include offering employees the option to telework if they can perform their job duties off-site, using email, and conducting meetings by phone or video conferencing. Reduce the number of employees needed such as staggering shifts for employees who support essential functions and services.
- Additional information and resources can be found at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).