

Kern County

COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

This CPP is designed to control employees' exposures to the SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19) that may occur in our workplace under the [Cal/OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards](#) (revised June 17, 2021).

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Authority and Responsibility

The Chief Human Resources Officer has overall authority and responsibility for implementing the provisions of this CPP in our workplace. In addition, all managers and supervisors are responsible for implementing and maintaining the CPP in their assigned work areas and for ensuring employees receive answers to questions about the program in a language they understand.

All employees are responsible for using safe work practices, following all directives, policies and procedures, and assisting in maintaining a safe work environment.

Identification and Evaluation of COVID-19 Hazards

We implement the following in our workplace:

- Conduct workplace-specific evaluations using the **Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards** form.
- Document the vaccination status of our employees by using the [COVID-19 Vaccine Self-Attestation Form](#) online **or** (for employees working with the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and the Department of Public Health Services, and all staff working in a jail or correctional setting with the Kern County Sheriff's Office and Probation Department) the [COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Disclosure Form](#) online, which is maintained as a confidential medical record by Kern County Human Resources' Health and Wellness Team or the Department's Human Resources.
- Evaluate employees' potential workplace exposures to all persons at, or who may enter, our workplace.
- Develop COVID-19 policies and procedures to respond effectively and immediately to individuals at the workplace who are a COVID-19 case to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission in the workplace including screening for symptoms and appropriately excluding symptomatic employees from the workplace.
- Review applicable orders and general and industry-specific guidance from the State of California, Cal/OSHA, and the local health department related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention.
- Evaluate existing COVID-19 prevention controls in our workplace and the need for different or additional controls.
- Conduct periodic inspections using the **Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections** form as needed to identify and evaluate unhealthy conditions, work practices, and work procedures related to COVID-19 and to ensure compliance with our COVID-19 policies and procedures.

Employee participation

Employees and their authorized employees' representatives are encouraged to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards through use of labor/management meetings or by contacting the Chief Human Resources Officer or their designee.

Employee screening

We ask our employees to self-screen for temperature and symptoms prior to the beginning of their shift.

Employees registering a temperature of 100.4 °F or higher or presenting with symptoms of COVID-19 are disallowed entry.

Correction of COVID-19 Hazards

Unsafe or unhealthy work conditions, practices or procedures are documented on the **Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections** form, and corrected in a timely manner based on the severity of the hazards. Each department shall update its workplace practices and procedures in conformance with the identified corrections. All employees shall be trained on any corrected practices and procedures.

Control of COVID-19 Hazards

Face Coverings

ALL EMPLOYEES must wear a face covering in all indoor public settings, irrespective of vaccine status, until February 15, 2022, per the latest order from the California Department of Public Health on January 5, 2022.

“Face covering” means a surgical mask, a medical procedure mask, a respirator worn voluntarily, or a tightly woven fabric or non-woven material of at least two layers (i.e., fabrics that do not let light pass through when held up to a light source) that completely covers the nose and mouth and is secured to the head with ties, ear loops, or elastic bands that go behind the head. If gaiters are worn, they shall have two layers of fabric or be folded to make two layers. A face covering has no visible holes or openings and must cover the nose and mouth. is a solid piece of material without slits, visible holes, or punctures, and must fit snugly over the nose, mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face. A face covering does not include a scarf, ski mask, balaclava, bandana, turtleneck, collar, or single layer of fabric.

This definition includes clear face coverings or cloth face coverings with a clear plastic panel that, despite the non-cloth material allowing light to pass through, otherwise meet this definition and which may be used to facilitate communication with people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing or others who need to see a speaker’s mouth or facial expressions to understand speech or sign language respectively.

We provide clean, undamaged face coverings and ensure they are properly worn by employees ~~that are not fully vaccinated~~ when they are indoors or in vehicles, and where required by orders from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). ~~Fully vaccinated employees may choose not to wear a face covering at the worksite unless they have symptoms of COVID-19.~~

Employees must wear a face covering from the moment they depart their vehicle until they reach their assigned workstation. They must continue to wear their face covering when they are in the presence of other staff or customers.

Employees may use their own workplace appropriate face covering. Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth. They can be secured to the head with ties and straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. Cloth face coverings should be washed frequently, ideally after each use, or at least daily. All used disposable face coverings should be safely disposed.

If an employee encounters another employee not in compliance with this requirement, they should maintain physical distance of six feet or more and alert their worksite specific plan coordinator.

Employees required to wear face coverings in our workplace may remove them under the following conditions:

- When an employee is alone in a room or a vehicle.
- While eating or drinking at the workplace, provided employees are at least six feet apart and outside air supply to the area, if indoors, has been maximized to the extent feasible.

- Employees are required to wear respirators in accordance with our respirator program that meets section 5144 requirements.
- Employees who cannot wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or disability, or who are hearing-impaired or communicating with a hearing-impaired person. Such employees will wear an effective, non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if their condition permits it.
- Specific tasks that cannot feasibly be performed with a face covering. This exception is limited to the time in which such tasks are being performed.

Employees exempted from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability shall wear an effective non-restrictive alternative, such as a face shield with a drape on the bottom, if their condition or disability permits it.

Any employee not wearing a required face covering or allowed non-restrictive alternative, will be at least six feet apart from all other persons ~~unless the unmasked employee is either fully vaccinated or tested at least weekly for COVID-19.~~

We will not prevent any employee from wearing a face covering when it is not required unless it would create a safety hazard, such as interfering with the safe operation of equipment.

Face coverings will also be provided to any employee that requests one, regardless of their vaccination status.

Exemptions to masks requirements:

The following individuals are exempt from wearing masks at all times:

- Persons younger than two years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

Engineering controls

For indoor locations, using Appendix B, we identify and evaluate how to maximize, to the extent feasible, ventilation with outdoor air using the highest filtration efficiency compatible with our existing ventilation system, and whether the use of portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units, or other air cleaning systems.

We implement the following measures for situations where we cannot increase ventilation of outdoor air or maintain adequate physical distancing between individuals:

1. Approve additional remote work arrangements.
2. Approve staggered shifts or work schedules.
3. Provide partitions to ensure separation between the work areas.

Cleaning and disinfecting

Other key factors in limiting the spread of COVID-19 have been observance of individual hygiene practices

and the sanitization of workspaces. In order to maintain a safe working environment for employees, Departments should develop consistent cleaning practices of workstations and other highly trafficked areas within their facilities (i.e., break rooms, lunchrooms, and bathrooms) at regular intervals throughout the day. Departments should also procure and distribute cleaning products and disinfecting agents to employees, so that they can ensure clean work areas. Departments should use products [approved for use against COVID-19](#). Appropriate cleaning and disinfecting protocols include:

1. Thorough cleaning on high traffic areas such as break rooms and lunch areas, and areas of ingress and egress including stairways, stairwells, handrails, and elevator controls.
2. Frequent disinfecting of commonly used surfaces including doorknobs, toilets, and handwashing areas.
3. Require employees to clean and disinfect personal work areas often and provide them with paid time to implement these cleaning practices before and after shifts.
4. Avoid sharing phones, other work supplies, or office equipment wherever possible. Never share PPE.
5. When items must be shared (i.e., copiers, fax machines, printers, telephones, etc.), disinfect between shifts or uses, whichever is more frequent.

Should we have a COVID-19 case in our workplace, the affected area(s) shall be immediately sanitized and left vacant for 24 hours if practical to protect against further exposure.

Hand sanitizing

To implement effective hand sanitizing procedures, we:

- Evaluate handwashing facilities.
- Determine the need for additional facilities.
- Encourage and allow time for employee handwashing.
- Provide employees with an effective hand sanitizer, and prohibit hand sanitizers that contain methanol (i.e., methyl alcohol).
- Encourage employees to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) used to control employees' exposure to COVID-19

We evaluate the need for PPE (such as gloves, goggles, and face shields) as required by section 3380, and provide and ensure use of such PPE as needed.

Upon request, we provide respirators for voluntary use to all employees ~~who are not fully vaccinated and who are working indoors or in vehicles with more than one person.~~

We provide and ensure use of respirators in compliance with section 5144 when deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

We also provide and ensure use of eye and respiratory protection when employees are exposed to procedures that may aerosolize potentially infectious material such as saliva or respiratory tract fluids.

Testing of symptomatic employees

We make COVID-19 testing available at no cost to employees with COVID-19 symptoms who are not fully vaccinated, during employees' paid time.

Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases

We have developed effective procedure to investigate COVID-19 cases that include seeking information from our employees regarding COVID-19 cases, close contacts, test results, and onset of symptoms. This is accomplished by using the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form.

Employees who are determined to be a close contact of a COVID-19 case in a workplace will be notified of their exposure by their department immediately and no later than one day following the exposure, and provided with information about COVID-19 testing at no cost during their working hours, the information on benefits, and exclusion from the workplace. Department shall also notify the employee representative (applicable union) for the exposed employee.

We also ensure the following is implemented:

- Employees that had a close contact are offered COVID-19 testing at no cost during their working hours, excluding:
 - Employees who were fully vaccinated before the close contact and do not have symptoms.
 - COVID-19 cases who were allowed to return to work per our return-to-work criteria and have remained free of symptoms for 90 days after the initial onset of symptoms, or for cases who never developed symptoms, for 90 days after the first positive test.
- The information on benefits described in **Training and Instruction**, and **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases**, below, will be provided to employees.
- Written notice within 1 day of your knowledge of a COVID-19 case that people at the worksite may have been exposed to COVID-19. This notice will be provided to all employees and their authorized representative (applicable union), independent contractors and other employers at the worksite during the high-risk exposure period. These notifications must meet the requirements of Title 8 CCR section 3205(c)(3)(B) and Labor Code section 6409.6(a)(4); (a)(2); and (c), and in a form readily understandable by employees and can be anticipated to be received by the employee.

System for Communicating

Our goal is to ensure that we have effective two-way communication with our employees.

Employees should report COVID-19 symptoms and possible hazards to their departmental supervisor, management, and worksite specific plan coordinator as necessary. Employees can report symptoms and hazards without fear of reprisal.

Employees with medical or other conditions that put them at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness can request medical accommodation from their department. Such requests shall be made to the employee's supervisor or their internal human resources contact.

Departments shall engage in the interactive process with these individuals to determine the most appropriate and available temporary work accommodations. If adequate accommodation cannot be provided to the employee, the employee shall be permitted to take a leave of absence (paid or unpaid) under the current policies of the County.

Upon a determination of exposure, outbreak, or major outbreak, departments shall provide affected employees with information about available COVID-19 testing by Kern County Health and Wellness, including preferred testing sites and procedures for reimbursement of expenses incurred as a result of employee testing.

A notice of exposure will be provided to all close contacts of a COVID-19 case within one business day. The notice of exposure will include information about employee COVID-19 testing, required exclusion from the workplace, possible work from home opportunities, requirements for returning to work, and available paid leave and benefits during their quarantine period.

Training and Instruction

We provide effective employee training and instruction that includes:

- Our COVID-19 policies and procedures to protect employees from COVID-19 hazards, and how to participate in the identification and evaluation of COVID-19 hazards.

- Information regarding COVID-19-related benefits (including mandated sick and vaccination leave) to which the employee may be entitled under applicable federal, state, or local laws.
- The fact that:
 - COVID-19 is an infectious disease that can be spread through the air.
 - COVID-19 may be transmitted when a person touches a contaminated object and then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - An infectious person may have no symptoms.
- The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19 and are most effective when used in combination.
- The right of employees ~~that are not fully vaccinated~~ to request a respirator for voluntary use, without fear of retaliation, and our policies for providing the respirators. Employees voluntarily using respirators will be trained according to section 5144(c)(2) requirements:
 - How to properly wear them.
 - How to perform a seal check according to the manufacturer's instructions each time a respirator is worn, and the fact that facial hair can interfere with a seal.
- The importance of frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and using hand sanitizer when employees do not have immediate access to a sink or hand washing facility, and that hand sanitizer does not work if the hands are soiled.
- Proper use of face coverings and the fact that face coverings are not respiratory protective equipment. Since COVID-19 is an airborne disease, N95s and more protective respirators protect the users from airborne disease, while face coverings primarily protect people around the user.
 - The conditions where face coverings must be worn at the workplace.
 - That face coverings are additionally recommended outdoors for people who are not fully vaccinated if six feet of distance cannot be maintained.
 - Employees can request face coverings and can wear them at work regardless of vaccination status and without fear of retaliation.
- COVID-19 symptoms, and the importance of obtaining a COVID-19 test and not coming to work if the employee has COVID-19 symptoms.
- Information on our COVID-19 policies and how to access COVID-19 testing and vaccination, and the fact that vaccination is effective at preventing COVID-19, protecting against both transmission and serious illness or death.
- The conditions under which face coverings must be worn at the workplace and that face coverings can be requested and worn without fear of retaliation.

Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster will be used to document this training.

Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Employees who had a Close Contact

Where we have a COVID-19 case or close contact in our workplace, we limit transmission by:

- Ensuring that COVID-19 cases are excluded from the workplace until our return-to-work requirement are met.
- ~~Excluding employees that had a close contact from the workplace until our return-to-work criteria have been met, with the following exceptions:~~
 - ~~Employees who were fully vaccinated before the close contact and who do not develop COVID-19 symptoms.~~
 - ~~COVID-19 cases who returned to work per our return-to-work criteria and have remained free of COVID-19 symptoms, for 90 days after the initial onset of COVID-19 symptoms, or for COVID-19 cases who never developed COVID-19 symptoms, for 90 days after the first positive test.~~
- Continuing and maintaining an employee's earnings, seniority, and all other employee rights and benefits whenever we've demonstrated that the COVID-19 exposure is work related. This will be accomplished using First Responders Emergency Sick Leave, accrued Paid Sick Leave, other accrued paid time off as permitted, and other paid exclusionary pay as required by law when not covered by workers' compensation. Employees may also be required to work from home when possible.

- Providing employees at the time of exclusion with information on available benefits.

See “Return-to-Work Criteria” below for additional information.

Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access

It is our policy to:

- Report information about COVID-19 cases and outbreaks at our workplace to the local health department whenever required by law, and provide any related information requested by the local health department.
- Maintain records of the steps taken to implement our written COVID-19 Prevention Program in accordance with section 3203(b).
- Make our written COVID-19 Prevention Program available at the workplace to employees, authorized employee representatives, and to representatives of Cal/OSHA immediately upon request.
- Use the **Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases** form to keep a record of and track all COVID-19 cases. The information will be made available to employees, authorized employee representatives, or as otherwise required by law, with personal identifying information removed.

Return-to-Work Criteria

1. Exclusion Requirements for Employees Who Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolation)

Requirements apply to **ALL** employees, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or lack of symptoms.

- Employees who test positive for COVID-19 must be excluded from the workplace for at least 5 days.
- Isolation can end and employees may return to the workplace after day 5 if symptoms are not present or are resolving, **and** a diagnostic specimen* collected on day 5 or later tests negative.
- If an employee is unable or chooses not to testⁱ and their symptoms are not present or are resolving, isolation can end and the employee may return to the workplace after day 10.
- If an employee has a fever, isolation must continue and the employee may not return to work until the fever resolves.
- If an employee’s symptoms other than fever are not resolving, they may not return to work until their symptoms are resolving **or** until after day 10 from the positive test.
- Employees must wear face coverings around others for a total of 10 days after the positive test, especially in indoor settings. Please refer to the section on face coverings for additional face covering requirements.

*Antigen test preferred.

2. Employees Who Are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

Requirements apply to employees who are unvaccinated; **OR** vaccinated and booster-eligible but have **not** yet received their booster dose**.

- Employees must be excluded from the workplace for at least 5 days after their last close contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- Exposed employees must test on day 5.
- Quarantine can end and exposed employees may return to the workplace after day 5 if symptoms are not present **and** a diagnostic specimen* collected on day 5 or later tests negative.

- If an employee is unable or chooses not to test and does not have symptoms, quarantine can end and the employee may return to the workplace after day 10.
- Employees must wear face coverings around others for a total of 10 days after exposure, especially in indoor settings. Please refer to the section on face coverings for additional face covering requirements.
- If an exposed employee tests positive for COVID-19, they must follow the isolation requirements above in #1.
- If an exposed employee develops symptoms, they must be excluded pending the results of a test.
- Employees are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated or boosted.

* Antigen test preferred.

****Asymptomatic employees** in this category are not required to be excluded if:

- A negative diagnostic test* is obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure to a case;
- Employee wears a face covering around others for a total of 10 days (please refer to the section on face coverings for additional face covering requirements); and
- Employee continues to have no symptoms.

3. Employees Who Are Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (No Quarantine Required)

Requirements apply to employees who are boosted; **OR** vaccinated, but not yet booster-eligible. Employees do not need to quarantine if they:

- Test on day 5 with a negative result.
- Wear face coverings around others for 10 days after exposure, especially in indoor settings. Please refer to the section on **face coverings** for additional face covering requirements.
- If employees test positive, they must follow isolation recommendations above.
- If employees develop symptoms, they must be excluded pending the results of a test.

California COVID-19 Vaccines Booster Recommendations

COVID-19 vaccine	Primary vaccination series	When does a person become booster-eligible	Which vaccine booster dose to receive
Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech	1st and 2nd doses	6 months after 2nd dose	Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States may be used for the booster dose, but either Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech are preferred.
Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen	1st dose	2 months after 1st dose	Any of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States may be used for the booster dose, but either Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech are preferred.

World Health Organization (WHO) emergency use listing COVID-19 vaccine	All recommended doses	6 months after getting all recommended doses	Single booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
A mix and match series composed of any combination of FDA-approved, FDA-authorized, or WHO-EUL COVID-19 vaccines	All recommended doses	6 months after getting all recommended doses	Single booster dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine

In addition to the above, when an order to isolate, quarantine, or exclude an employee is issued by a local or state health official, the employee shall not return to work until the period of isolation or quarantine is completed or the order is lifted even if the order exceeds the specified exclusion requirements in the ETS or CDPH recommendation.

Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks

This section applies when there are **three or more** COVID-19 cases in an exposed workplace within a 14-day period. This section of CPP will stay in effect until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.

COVID-19 testing

- We provide COVID-19 testing at no cost to all employees, during paid time, in our exposed group except for:
 - Employees who were not present during the relevant 14-day period.
 - Employees who were fully vaccinated before the multiple infections or outbreak and who do not have symptoms.
 - COVID-19 cases who did not develop symptoms after returning to work pursuant to our return-to-work criteria, no testing is required for 90 days after the initial onset of symptoms or, for COVID-19 cases who never developed symptoms, 90 days after the first positive test.
- COVID-19 testing consists of the following:
 - All employees in our exposed group are immediately tested and then again one week later. Negative COVID-19 test results of employees with COVID-19 exposure will not impact the duration of any quarantine, isolation, or exclusion period required by, or orders issued by, the local health department.
 - After the first two COVID-19 tests, we continue to provide COVID-19 testing once a week of employees in the exposed group who remain at the workplace, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department, until there are no new COVID-19 cases detected in our workplace for a 14-day period.
 - We provide additional testing when deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

We continue to comply with the applicable elements of our CPP, as well as the following:

1. Employees in the exposed group wear face coverings when indoors, or when outdoors and less than six feet apart (unless one of the face-covering exceptions indicated in our CPP apply).
2. We give notice to employees in the exposed group of their right to request a respirator for voluntary use ~~if they are not fully vaccinated~~.
3. We evaluate whether to implement physical distancing of at least six feet between persons, or where six feet of physical distancing is not feasible, the need for use of cleanable solid partitions of sufficient size to reduce COVID-19 transmission.

Exclusion of COVID-19 cases

We will ensure COVID-19 cases and employees who had COVID-19 exposure are excluded from the workplace in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Employees who had a Close Contact** and **Return to Work Criteria** requirements, and local health officer orders if applicable.

COVID-19 investigation, review, and hazard correction

We immediately perform a review of potentially relevant COVID-19 policies, procedures, and controls and implement changes as needed to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

The investigation and review is documented and includes:

- Investigation of new or unabated COVID-19 hazards including:
 - Our leave policies and practices and whether employees are discouraged from remaining home when sick.
 - Our COVID-19 testing policies.
 - Insufficient outdoor air.
 - Insufficient air filtration.
 - Lack of physical distancing.
- Updating the review:
 - Every thirty days that the outbreak continues.
 - In response to new information or to new or previously unrecognized COVID-19 hazards.
 - When otherwise necessary.
- Implementing changes to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 based on the investigation and review. We consider:
 - Moving indoor tasks outdoors or having them performed remotely.
 - Increasing outdoor air supply when work is done indoors.
 - Improving air filtration.
 - Increasing physical distancing as much as feasible.
 - Requiring respiratory protection in compliance with section 5144.

Buildings or structures with mechanical ventilation

We will filter recirculated air with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13 or higher efficiency filters, if compatible with the ventilation system. If MERV-13 or higher filters are not compatible, we will use filters with the highest compatible filtering efficiency. We will also evaluate whether portable or mounted High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units or other air cleaning systems would reduce the risk of transmission and, if so, implement their use to the degree feasible.

Notifications to the local health department

- Immediately, but no longer than 48 hours after learning of three or more COVID-19 cases in our workplace, we will contact the local health department for guidance on preventing the further spread of COVID-19 within the workplace.
- We will provide to the local health department the total number of COVID-19 cases and for each COVID-19 case, the name, contact information, occupation, workplace location, business address, the hospitalization and/or fatality status, and North American Industry Classification System code of the workplace of the COVID-19 case, and any other information requested by the local health department. We will continue to give notice to the local health department of any subsequent COVID-19 cases at our workplace.

Major COVID-19 Outbreaks

This section applies when there are **20 or more** COVID-19 cases in an exposed workplace within a 30-day period. This section of CPP will stay in effect until there are fewer than three COVID-19 cases detected in our exposed group for a 14-day period.

We continue to comply with the Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks addendum, except that the COVID-19 testing, regardless of vaccination status, is made available to all employees in the exposed group twice a week, or more frequently if recommended by the local health department.

In addition to complying with our CPP and Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks addendum, we also:

- Provide employees in the exposed group with respirators for voluntary use in compliance with section 5144(c)(2) and determine the need for a respiratory protection program or changes to an existing respiratory protection program under section 5144 to address COVID-19 hazards.
- Separate by six feet (except where we can demonstrate that six feet of separation is not feasible and there is momentary exposure while persons are in movement) any employees in the exposed group who are not wearing respirators required by us and used in compliance with section 5144. When it is not feasible to maintain a distance of at least six feet, individuals are as far apart as feasible. We implement the following measures for situations where we cannot increase ventilation of outdoor air or maintain adequate physical distancing between individuals:
 - Approve additional remote work arrangements.
 - Approve staggered shifts or work schedules.
- Install cleanable solid partitions that effectively reduce transmission between the employee and other persons at workstations where an employee in the exposed group is assigned to work for an extended period, such as cash registers, desks, and production line stations, and where the physical distancing requirement (described above) is not always maintained.
- Evaluate whether to halt some or all operations at the workplace until COVID-19 hazards have been corrected.
- Implement any other control measures deemed necessary by Cal/OSHA.

Notifications to the local health department

We will comply with the requirements of our **Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks-Notifications to the Local Health Department**.

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Chief Human Resources Officer

Appendix A: Identification of COVID-19 Hazards

All persons, regardless of symptoms or negative COVID-19 test results, will be considered potentially infectious. Particular attention will be paid to areas where people may congregate or come in contact with one another, regardless of whether employees are performing an assigned work task or not. For example: meetings, trainings, entrances, bathrooms, hallways, aisles, walkways, elevators, break or eating areas, cool-down areas, and waiting areas.

Evaluation of potential workplace exposure will be to all persons at the workplace or who may enter the workplace, including coworkers, employees of other entities, members of the public, customers or clients, and independent contractors. We will consider how employees and other persons enter, leave, and travel through the workplace, in addition to addressing stationary work.

Person conducting the evaluation: **[enter name(s)]**

Date: **[enter date]**

Name(s) of employee and authorized employee representative that participated: **[enter name(s)]**

Interaction, area, activity, work task, process, equipment and material that potentially exposes employees to COVID-19 hazards	Places and times	Potential for COVID-19 exposures and employees affected, including members of the public and employees of other employers	Existing and/or additional COVID-19 prevention controls

Appendix B: COVID-19 Inspections

[This form is only intended to get you started. Review the information available at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/ for additional guidance on what to regularly inspect for, including issues that may be more pertinent to your particular type of workplace. You will need to modify the form accordingly.]

Date: [enter date]

Name of person conducting the inspection: [enter names]

Work location evaluated: [enter information]

Exposure Controls	Status	Person Assigned to Correct	Date Corrected
Engineering			
Ventilation* (amount of fresh air and filtration maximized)			
Additional room air filtration*			
[Add any additional controls your workplace is using]			
Administrative			
Surface cleaning and disinfection (frequently enough and adequate supplies)			
Hand washing facilities (adequate numbers and supplies)			
Disinfecting and hand sanitizing solutions being used according to manufacturer instructions			
[Add any additional controls your workplace is using]			

Exposure Controls	Status	Person Assigned to Correct	Date Corrected
[Add any additional controls your workplace is using]			
PPE (not shared, available and being worn)			
Face coverings (cleaned sufficiently often)			
Gloves			
Face shields/goggles			
Respiratory protection			
[Add any additional controls your workplace is using]			

*Identify and evaluate how to maximize ventilation with outdoor air; the highest level of filtration efficiency compatible with the existing ventilation system; and whether the use of portable or mounted HEPA filtration units, or other air cleaning systems, would reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Review applicable orders and guidance from the State of California and local health departments related to COVID-19 hazards and prevention have been reviewed, including the CDPH Interim Guidance for Ventilation, Filtrations, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments and information specific to your industry, location, and operations. We maximize the quantity of outside air provided to the extent feasible, except when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Air Quality Index is greater than 100 for any pollutant or if opening windows or maximizing outdoor air by other means would cause a hazard to employees, for instance from excessive heat or cold.

Appendix C: Investigating COVID-19 Cases

All personal identifying information of COVID-19 cases or persons with COVID-19 symptoms, and any employee required medical records will be kept confidential unless disclosure is required or permitted by law. Un-redacted information on COVID-19 cases will be provided to the local health department, CDPH, Cal/

OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) immediately upon request, and when required by law.

Date: [enter date COVID-19 case – suspected/confirmed - became known to the employer]

Name of person conducting the investigation: [enter name]

Name of COVID-19 case (employee or non-employee*) and contact information: [enter information]

Occupation (if non-employee*, why they were in the workplace): [enter information]

*If we are made aware of a non-employee COVID-19 case in our workplace

Names of employees/representatives involved in the investigation: [enter information]

Date investigation was initiated: [enter information]

Locations where the COVID-19 case was present in the workplace during the high-risk exposure period, and activities being performed: [enter information]

Date and time the COVID-19 case was last present and excluded from the workplace: [enter information]

Date of the positive or negative test and/or diagnosis: [enter information]

Date the case first had one or more COVID-19 symptoms, if any: [enter information]

Information received regarding COVID-19 test results and onset of symptoms (attach documentation): [enter information]

Summary determination of who may have had a close contact with the COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period. Attach additional information, including:

- The names of those found to be in close contact.
- Their vaccination status.
- When testing was offered, including the results and the names of those that were exempt from testing because.
 - They were fully vaccinated before the close contact and do not have symptoms.
 - They returned to work per our return-to-work criteria and have remained symptom free for 90 days or, for those that never developed symptoms, for 90 days after the initial positive test.
- The names of those that were excluded per our Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Employees who had a Close Contact requirements.
- The names of those exempt from exclusion requirements because:
 - They were fully vaccinated before the close contact and did not develop COVID-19 symptoms.
 - They returned to work per our return-to-work criteria and have remained symptom free for 90 days or, for those that never developed symptoms, for 90 days after the initial positive test.

[enter information]

Notice given (within one business day, in a way that does not reveal any personal identifying information of the COVID-19 case) of the potential COVID-19 exposure to:

- 2. All employees who were in close contact
- 3. Their authorized representatives (If applicable, the notice required by Labor Code section 6409.6(a) (2) and (c))

Names of employees that were notified:	Names of their authorized representatives:	Date

Independent contractors and other employers present at the workplace during the high-risk exposure period.

Names of individuals that were notified:	Date

What were the workplace conditions that could have contributed to the risk of COVID-19 exposure?
[enter information]

What could be done to reduce exposure to COVID-19?
[enter information]

Was local health department notified? Date?
[enter information]

Appendix D: COVID-19 Training Roster

Date: **[enter date]**

Person that conducted the training: **[enter name(s)]**

Employee Name	Signature

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Additional Consideration

COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing

[This addendum will need to be added to your CPP if you have workers in employer-provided housing. Reference section [3205.3\(a\)](#) for details.]

Assignment of housing units

We, to the extent feasible, reduce employee exposure to COVID-19 by assigning employee residents to distinct groups and ensure that each group remains separate from other such groups during transportation and work. Shared housing unit assignments are prioritized in the following order:

- Residents who usually maintain a household together outside of work, such as family members, will be housed in the same housing unit without other persons.
- Residents who work in the same crew or work together at the same workplace will be housed in the same housing unit without other persons.
- Employees who do not usually maintain a common household, work crew, or workplace will be housed in the same housing unit only when no other housing alternatives are feasible.

Ventilation

We ensure maximization of the quantity and supply of outdoor air and increase filtration efficiency to the highest level compatible with the existing ventilation system in housing units. If there is not a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 13 or higher filter in use, portable or mounted HEPA filtration units are used, where feasible, in all sleeping areas in which there are two or more residents who are not fully vaccinated.

Face coverings

We provide face coverings to all residents and provide information to residents on when they should be used in accordance with state or local health officer orders or guidance.

Cleaning and disinfection

We ensure that:

- Housing units, kitchens, bathrooms, and common areas are effectively cleaned to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Housing units, kitchens, bathrooms, and indoor common areas are cleaned and disinfected after a COVID-19 case was present during the high-risk exposure period, if another resident will be there within 24 hours of the COVID-19 case. **[Describe how this will be accomplished]**
- Cleaning and disinfecting is done in a manner that protects the privacy of residents.
- Residents are instructed to not share unwashed dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, and similar items.

Screening

We encourage residents to report COVID-19 symptoms to **[Enter name of individual, position, or office]**.

COVID-19 testing

We establish, implement, maintain and communicate to residents' effective policies and procedures for COVID-19 testing of residents who had a close contact or COVID-19 symptoms. **[Describe how this will be accomplished]**

COVID-19 cases and close contacts

We:

- Effectively quarantine residents who have had a close contact from all other residents. Effective quarantine includes providing residents who had a close contact with a private bathroom and sleeping area, with the following exceptions:
 - Fully vaccinated residents who do not have symptoms.
 - COVID-19 cases who have met our return-to-work criteria and have remained asymptomatic, for 90 days after the initial onset of symptoms, or COVID-19 cases who never developed symptoms, for 90 days after the first positive test.
- Effectively isolate COVID-19 cases from all residents who are not COVID-19 cases. Effective isolation includes housing COVID-19 cases only with other COVID-19 cases and providing COVID-19 case residents with a sleeping area and bathroom that is not shared by non-COVID-19-case residents.
- Keep confidential any personal identifying information regarding COVID-19 cases and persons with COVID-19 symptoms, in accordance with our CPP **Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases**.
- End isolation in accordance with our CPP **Exclusion of COVID-19 Cases and Return to Work Criteria**, and any applicable local or state health officer orders.

Additional Consideration

COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation

[This addendum will need to be added to your CPP if there is employer-provided motor vehicle transportation, which is any transportation of an employee, during the course and scope of employment, including transportation to and from different workplaces, jobsites, delivery sites, buildings, stores, facilities, and agricultural fields provided, arranged for, or secured by an employer, regardless of the travel distance or duration involved. Reference section [3205.4](#) for details.

This addendum does not apply:

- If the driver and all passengers are from the same household outside of work, such as family members, or if the driver is alone in the vehicle.
- To employer-provided transportation when necessary for emergency response, including firefighting, rescue, and evacuation, and support activities directly aiding response such as utilities, communications and medical operations.
- To employees with occupational exposure as defined by section 5199.
- To vehicles in which all employees are fully vaccinated.
- To public transportation]

Assignment of transportation

To the extent feasible, we reduce exposure to COVID-19 hazards by assigning employees sharing vehicles to distinct groups and ensuring that each group remains separate from other such groups during transportation, during work activities, and in employer-provided housing. We prioritize shared transportation assignments in the following order:

- Employees residing in the same housing unit are transported in the same vehicle.
- Employees working in the same crew or workplace are transported in the same vehicle.
- Employees who do not share the same household, work crew or workplace are transported in the same vehicle only when no other transportation alternatives are feasible.

Face coverings and respirators

We ensure that the:

- Face covering requirements of our CPP **Face Coverings** are followed for employees waiting for transportation, if applicable.
- All employees who are not fully vaccinated are provided with a face covering, which must be worn unless an exception under our CPP Face Coverings applies.
- Upon request, we provide respirators for voluntary use in compliance with subsection 5144(c)(2) to all employees in the vehicle who are not fully vaccinated.

Screening

We develop, implement, and maintain effective procedures for screening and excluding drivers and riders with COVID-19 symptoms prior to boarding shared transportation. **[Detail what those procedures are]**

Cleaning and disinfecting

We ensure that:

- All high-contact surfaces (door handles, seatbelt buckles, armrests, etc.) used by passengers are cleaned to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and are cleaned and disinfected if used by a COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period, when the surface will be used by another employee within 24 hours of the COVID-19 case. **[Describe how this will be accomplished]**
- All high-contact surfaces used by drivers, such as the steering wheel, armrests, seatbelt buckles,

door handles and shifter, are cleaned to prevent the spread of COVID-19 between different drivers

and are disinfected after use by a COVID-19 case during the high-risk exposure period, if the surface will be used by another employee within 24 hours of the COVID-19 case. **[Describe how this will be accomplished]**

- We provide sanitizing materials, training on how to use them properly, and ensure they are kept in adequate supply.

Ventilation

We ensure that vehicle windows are kept open, and the ventilation system is set to maximize outdoor air and not set to recirculate air. Windows do not have to be kept open if one or more of the following conditions exist:

- The vehicle has functioning air conditioning in use and excessive outdoor heat would create a hazard to employees.
- The vehicle has functioning heating in use and excessive outdoor cold would create a hazard to employees.
- Protection is needed from weather conditions; such as rain or snow.
- The vehicle has a cabin air filter in use and the U.S. EPA Air Quality Index for any pollutant is greater than 100.

Hand hygiene

We provide hand sanitizer in each vehicle and ensure that all drivers and riders sanitize their hands before entering and exiting the vehicle. Hand sanitizers with methyl alcohol are prohibited.

Guide to Respiratory Protection at Work

Respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards when properly selected and worn. Respirator use is encouraged even when exposures are below the exposure limit, to provide an additional level of comfort and protection for workers. However, if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to the worker. Sometimes, workers may wear respirators to avoid exposures to hazards, even if the amount of hazardous substance does not exceed the limits set by OSHA standards. If your employer provides respirators for your voluntary use, or if you provide your own respirator, you need to take certain precautions to be sure that the respirator itself does not present a hazard.

You should do the following:

1. Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirators limitations.
2. Choose respirators certified for use to protect against the contaminant of concern. NIOSH, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, certifies respirators. A label or statement of certification should appear on the respirator or respirator packaging. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for and how much it will protect you.
3. Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants for which your respirator is not designated to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will not protect you against gases, vapors or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.
4. Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.

NOTE

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