

Keeping Your Team Safe While Caring for School Grounds

One thing that does not change regardless of pandemic quarantines is the need to care for school grounds. Practicing social distancing and mindful disinfection are paramount in containing the spread of contagions.

- Discourage the sharing of equipment, tools, and vehicles, when feasible
 - Reduces the risk of transmitting contagions, especially on surfaces that are porous or difficult to clean and disinfect.
 - If possible, avoid multiple staff riding in the same vehicle to/from buildings.
 - When feasible, staff should avoid visiting multiple buildings throughout the day (i.e., maintenance, courier deliveries, shared personnel, etc.)
 - Equipment/Tools/Vehicles includes:
 - Other workers' phones, desks and offices.
 - Cleaning carts, spray bottles, handled brooms/mops, etc.
 - Hand tools or other work tools and equipment, when possible.
 - If using a vehicle operated/shared by others, first wipe commonly touched surfaces (i.e., steering wheel, shifter knob, door handle, window controls, climate controls, radio, etc.) with a disinfectant wipe before touching.
 - Regularly disinfect cell phones, in the event you contacted surfaces containing contagions and then handled your phone.
- Fueling Vehicles
 - Wear a glove on the hand that touches frequently handled surfaces (i.e., fuel dispenser, pump key pad, etc.).
 - Attempt to utilize one hand, keep other hand in pocket as to not touch surfaces and potentially transfer contagions.
 - Do not close vehicle door after exiting to refuel vehicle, limits the touching of the exterior vehicle door handle.
 - Keep hand sanitizer/disinfectant wipes in door of the vehicle, clean hand(s) with sanitizer/disinfectant wipe that touched any surfaces prior to touching the interior vehicle surfaces.
 - Wash hands at first opportunity with soap and water.
 - If using a fuel/credit card for purchases, do not forget to clean and disinfect the card if it encountered a surface/hand that was touched by others.
- Engineering controls through the building ventilation system
 - Increase ventilation rates in buildings that are occupied.
 - o Increase percentage of outdoor air that circulates into the system.
 - Increase change-out schedule for air filters, use high efficiency filters where available.

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