

Ohio Valley Opportunities Weatherization COVID-19 Policy

Know the Symptoms of COVID-19

- Coughing, fever, shortness of breath, and difficulty breathing.
- Early symptoms may include chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, and runny nose. If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, **DO NOT GO TO WORK** and call your health-care provider immediately. Do the same thing if you come into close contact with someone showing these symptoms.

How is COVID-19 Spread?

COVID-19, like other viruses, can spread between people. Infected people can spread COVID-19 through their respiratory secretions, especially when they cough or sneeze. According to the CDC, spread from person-to-person is most likely among close contacts (about 6 feet). Person-to-person spread is thought to occur mainly *via* respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, like how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. It is currently unclear if a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes.

Cleaning/Disinfecting Job Sites and Other Protective Measures

- Clean and disinfect frequently used tools and equipment on a regular basis. This includes other elements of the jobsite where possible. Employees should regularly do the same in their assigned work areas.
- Clean shared spaces such as trailers and break/lunchrooms at least once per day.
- Disinfect shared surfaces (door handles, machinery controls, etc.) on a regular basis.
- Avoid sharing tools with co-workers. If not, disinfect before and after each use.
- Trash collected from the jobsite must be changed frequently by someone wearing gloves.

Worker Responsibilities

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands that are visibly soiled.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Employees who have symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) should notify their supervisor and stay home—**DO NOT GO TO WORK**.
- Try to reduce the number of crew and clients in the home at the time of interior work, consider asking clients if they would leave the home during the interior work or try to isolate them to one room.
- Crews conducting interior work will wear PPE, this may also help assure clients who are fearful of people entering their home.

- Consider offering face masks to clients to contain respiratory secretions.
- Consider installing a physical barrier, such as a clear sheet of plastic, to isolate a client while interior work is being conducted.
- Disinfect areas of the home that have been touched such as door handles, thermostats and other shared surfaces.
- Vehicles will be limited to one worker per vehicle.

Inventory checklist for field crew

Is there adequate inventory for the following categories before going into the field?

Respirators

N95 face masks

Gloves

Tyvek Suits

Booties

Paper towels

Hand soap

Cleaners/Sanitizer

Client education materials

Client face masks

Utilize the Health Questionnaire

Health Questionnaire for _____

Date: _____

1. Do you have a cold or cough? Yes No
2. Do you have a fever? Yes No
3. Have you traveled recently? Yes No
 - If so, where did you travel? _____
 - When did you travel? _____
4. Have you been around anyone with a cold or fever recently? Yes No