



CRMCA Safety Notes

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued guidance on how employers can address the novel coronavirus that has infected more than 116,000 people worldwide, saying that ignoring its rapid spread could result in a “cascade of failures.”

OSHA in the 35-page document posted on the agency’s website on Monday said employers should expect absenteeism, changes in demand for products and services and interruptions in their supply and delivery chains as the coronavirus and the illness it causes, COVID-19, continues to spread. There have been at least 755 confirmed cases of coronavirus and 26 deaths in the U.S.

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

In addition. Every Ready-mix employee should take the basic safety precautions for all flu like viruses.

1. Wash Hands and Face regularly and between deliveries if possible
2. Carry a bottle of Hand sanitizer with you in your truck if possible; there are many brands but all should work if they contain at least 60% Ethyl alcohol. Almost every grocery store carries the product.
3. Never wear the same clothes two days in a row. Wash all your clothing with a detergent based wash product.
4. Spray your pillows everyday with Lysol spray or similar product to reduce your risk.
5. Avoid shaking hands if possible and keep a good distance from any other person; recommended four feet when possible.
6. Beard and Mustaches take particular attention after every meal or drink as they are a natural hiding place for germs if dirty.
7. Report any illness immediately to your supervisor should you suspect you have been exposed or if you begin having symptoms.
8. Watch TV every evening to get the latest reports about the virus in your area and what steps to take.
9. Contact your doctor immediately if you suspect you have a fever or feel you are coming down with flu like symptoms.
10. Be safe out there!

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