

How to Create a Safer Workplace Environment

COVID-19 is a highly contagious respiratory virus which can be transmitted by infected individuals in the workplace. Until an effective vaccine becomes available to protect against COVID-19 infection, all sick employees must be excluded from the workplace until infection with COVID-19 has been ruled out. Since infected employees can unknowingly spread the virus before they become sick, additional preventive strategies include social distancing, hand hygiene, cleaning and the use of facemasks by all employees in the workplace.



Transmission of COVID-19

A statement from the World Health Organization: *“According to current evidence, COVID-19 virus is primarily transmitted between people through respiratory droplets and contact routes. In an analysis of 75,465 COVID-19 cases in China, airborne transmission was not reported.”*



Symptoms of COVID-19

90% of people will have a fever (temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) allowing for easy identification of the majority of infected individuals. Other symptoms include cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, chills and loss of smell or taste.



First Line of Defense

Exclude sick employees from the workplace.

- Conduct temperature checks at all points of entry.
- Stay home if sick or if temperature above 100.4 degrees at checkpoint.
- Return to work only when cleared to do so by medical provider or COVID-19 test.



Second Line of Defense

Prevent asymptomatic spread of COVID-19 between employees.

- Promote hand hygiene with hand sanitizer stations, reminders, and soap and water.
- Conduct frequent cleaning and sanitizing of all surfaces and high-touch fixtures.
- Require all employees to wear a facemask at work and encourage guests to wear facemasks.
- Practice social distancing in common areas and between workstations.
- Install physical barriers in areas having frequent contact with the public.

Nothing is more important to us than you.

In every stage of the coronavirus pandemic, we'll be here to help protect you and your employees. Visit AdventHealthCFLSafeBusiness.com for tips and resources that can help you stay safe, informed and well.

