COVID-19

What is it?
COVID-19 is a disease caused by a new coronavirus and can lead to severe respiratory illness or pneumonia and can be fatal for people, especially for those with underlying health conditions.

How is it spread?
By droplets caused by coughing or sneezing
Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes

Know the symptoms
FEVER
DRY COUGH
SHORTNESS OF BREATH

If you are experiencing symptoms, call ahead to your health care provider before seeking medical care.

How to prevent spreading the virus
Wash hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds & disinfect surfaces & tools often
Avoid contact with sick people, practice 6-foot physical distancing on the job and in public
Don’t touch eyes or mouth with hands; use disposable wipes for sweat
Stay home while you are sick; Avoid others
Cover mouth / nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing / sneezing
Wear a face covering* or personal protective equipment (PPE)

* Go to CDC Website for more information https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html

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COVID-19 & Jobsites:  
Actions to Help Prevent Spread

EMPLOYER Responsibilities:
- Prevent sick people from entering the jobsite; implement screening program and/or employee self-screening
- Conduct frequent jobsite risk assessments
- Develop a written plan with controls or procedures to reduce or eliminate the risk of exposure to the virus
- Educate and update your employees on COVID-19 safety guidelines
- Provide appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) following local orders and OSHA and CDC guidelines

EMPLOYEE Responsibilities:
- Stay home if you are sick or have been exposed to someone – in your household or elsewhere – who has become ill or tested positive for COVID-19
- Immediately report any symptoms of COVID-19 to your supervisor
- Follow your employer’s COVID-19 safety plan and state or local government orders
- Practice 6 ft (1.8m) physical distancing; disinfection on and off the jobsite; use appropriate face masks and gloves

Additional Steps to Limit Risk on Jobsites

PHYSICAL DISTANCING:
- Drive separately to the jobsite, don’t carpool. If you must rideshare, wear a cloth face covering* and keep windows down.
- Reduce the number of visitors and workers to the minimum necessary.
  IMPORTANT: Local health orders may specify a maximum number per site. Check your local government website.
- Employers, contractors and subs should cooperate to arrange work areas, materials, and equipment to accommodate physical distancing.

DISINFECTING:
- Wipe down the work areas and high-touch surfaces upon arrival with disinfectant solution, throughout the workday and immediately before departure.
- Avoid sharing tools, equipment, phones and work surfaces, or disinfect before and after sharing.
- Follow state and local requirements for hand washing stations and toilets.

PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT (PPE):
- Always wear PPE face masks on jobsites.
- Avoid sharing face mask; keep your own clearly marked; disinfect PPE before and after sharing.
- Train workers on proper donning, removing and disposal (or disinfecting) of PPE
- If N95 respirator masks are not available, minimize dust and airborne contaminants by using engineering and work practice controls

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Designating Assigned Work Areas
Establish work areas to limit all close interaction between crew members.

1. Assign designated work areas for each crew member, to allow movement within those areas while maintaining at least 6 ft (1.8m) of separation

2. Designate locations to place cut material within reach of each installer’s designated work zone
   - *If installer is working too close to one staging area, the cutman can place material at the other location*

Siding contractors and installers can use the suggestions below to help comply with jobsite physical distancing requirements and as part of a COVID-19 safety plan.
Setup / Breakdown Assignments

Limit who loads / unloads tools and equipment into and out of the vehicle.

1. Designate one crew member to enter the van/trailer area to unload and load all tools out of and into the vehicle
2. Use the same approach for unloading and loading ladders, walkboards and pump jack scaffolding
3. Each crew member can then move their tools from the drop-off zone to their designated work area
   - At the end of the day, crew members can return their tools and equipment to drop-off zones one at a time, for one person to load into the vehicle
   - Extra crew members can clean the jobsite or prep for the next day, while tools and equipment are being loaded
   - Ensure all tools are disinfected before and after using

To ensure crew members maintain 6 feet of separation:

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**Staging Material for the Day at the Cut Station**

Carry all material for staging at the cut station individually

- 6 ft (1.8m) minimum distance between crew members
- Do not attempt to carry more than is manageable

**Step 1:**
- Installer A
- Installer B
- Cut Person
- Designated Work Zone

**Step 2:**
- Installer A
- Installer B
- Cut Person

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