



COVID-19 Safe Practices: General Practices for All Individuals

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2022

Note: These practices are current as of the revision date. Since the COVID-19 pandemic is evolving rapidly, extra diligence should be used in watching for updates to these practices.

What is the hazard?

COVID-19 is the respiratory illness caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus (a.k.a., novel coronavirus). The virus is thought to be spread mainly from person-to-person through respiratory droplets and contact. There is the potential to be exposed to the virus while at work, in the community, and at home. The latest information regarding COVID-19 is available on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html). This website should be regularly reviewed in order to stay current on the dynamics of the disease, including its risks, symptoms, and current guidance on prevention and what to do if you are sick.

What safe work practices should be followed?

The following general safe work practices should be followed by all Chabot-Las Positas CCD employees, students, and visitors to indoor facilities. Each work area is also evaluated, and additional more specific practices tailored to a specific area or operation may also apply. All employees should be familiar with these additional practices within their work area and should inquire regarding additional practices when visiting other work areas. Questions regarding COVID-19 safety should be directed to your supervisor and you can review additional resources at Chabot-Las Positas CCD COVID-19 Website.



MEDICAL SCREENING

1. Symptoms. Prior to coming to work, employees, students, and visitors must screen themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status. If symptoms are noted, or a positive COVID-19 test is obtained, individuals must notify their supervisor/instructor (via phone/email) and stay home. Symptoms include, but are not limited to, fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new loss of taste/smell, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting, or diarrhea. CDC guidance on symptoms is located at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html (see Attachment A for summary posting). The supervisor will inform the COVID Safety Coordinator who in turn will provide direction to both the supervisor and the employee.

2. Exposure.

- a. <u>Unvaccinated</u>: Employees must notify their supervisor (via phone) and stay home if they have been in close contact with or otherwise exposed to a known or suspected case of COVID-19. The supervisor will inform the COVID Safety Coordinator who in turn will provide direction to both the supervisor and the employee.
- b. <u>Fully Vaccinated</u>: individuals who are exposed to a close contact do not need to remain home unless they develop symptoms as noted above. The supervisor will inform the COVID Safety Coordinator who in turn will provide direction to both the supervisor and the employee.
- 3. *At Risk Persons*. If an employee is at higher risk of serious complications from COVID-19, they should inform their supervisor, and contact their personal health care provider for additional instructions. The employee shall contact Human Resources who will in turn provide direction to both the supervisor and the employee. At risk people include older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions. More information is available at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/people-at-higher-risk.html.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- 1. *Maintain Physical Distance*. Physical Distancing is no longer required but is recommended for individuals with at increased risk for infection.
- 2. Distancing Markings/Notifications. Follow any markings regarding location indicators, traffic flow, or occupancy which may appear on walls, floors, signage, seats, or other locations. These notifications are in place to help promote proper interactions. Common examples include designations for in use/out of use seating, "wait here" markings on floors, designated entry/exit doors, and "this way" arrows on floors.



PERSONAL HYGIENE

- 1. Hand Hygiene. Clean your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid handshakes or physical contact with others. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use a proper hand sanitizer (e.g., 60% isopropyl alcohol). Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Guidance on hand washing/rubbing techniques from the World Health Organization (WHO) is provided in Attachment B. CDC guidance on hand washing is located at: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html.
- 2. Sneezing & Coughing. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands. If no tissue is available, then cough and sneeze into your elbow. Do not come to work if you have COVID-19 symptoms (see above).



PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- 1. Masks. As cases continue to decline locally and across the country, masking requirements will follow the guidelines of CDC, CDPH and Cal-OSHA. Masking requirement will match the CDC community risk level for Alameda County: CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View
 - a. High Risk (red):
 - i. Masks are required for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, indoors in all District and College locations.
 - b. Medium Risk (yellow):
 - i. Masks are required all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, in classrooms and laboratories and all areas identified by "Dark Purple- Public Specialized areas" on the Safe Work Practices Zone Maps for each location*.
 - ii. Individual faculty, staff and area managers may request that all individuals wear a mask in certain settings. **Please continue to carry a mask to wear** in these situations to protect the health of vulnerable people in our community and respect those who make these requests
 - c. Low Risk (green):
 - i. Masks are optional in all District and College locations*.
 - * Masks are still required by local health orders in some settings, such as clinical healthcare facilities, and on public transportation.
- 2. Surgical, paper or cloth type masks (a.k.a., face coverings) must be worn at the times noted above unless both: a) you are alone in a substantially enclosed personal workspace (office,

- cubicle), room, or isolated area, and b) no other persons are anticipated to come within six (6) feet.
- 3. Any employee using a respirator (e.g., N95), voluntarily or as assigned, must have reviewed a copy of the respiratory protection guidelines.
- 4. Updates to the masking requirement will occur on **Thursday** of each week and apply for the following calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
- 5. Individual faculty, staff and area managers may request that all individuals wear a mask in certain settings. **Please continue to carry a mask to wear** in these situations to protect the health of vulnerable people in our community and respect those who make these requests.
- 6. **Individuals with accommodations** for the vaccine mandate are not required to wear a face covering unless they have had COVID-19 within the last 10 days. For those at higher risk of infection, well fitted, KN-95, KF-94 or N-95 filtering facepiece are recommended.
- 7. Additional Protective Equipment. Assignment of any other protective equipment (e.g., gloves, face shields, respirators) must be coordinated through your supervisor and used in accordance with work area/operation specific safety practices.



ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING BY INDIVIDUALS

- Cleaning and disinfection. While we now know that surface transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 is rare, some individuals may opt to continue to practice enhanced cleaning and disinfection of surfaces in their workspace. CDC Guidance on surface transmission can be found here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html
- 2. Coordination. Coordinate with your supervisor regarding an environmental cleaning plan for your work area, including access to hand sanitizer, surface cleaning/disinfection products, and other associated supplies. Additional guidance on cleaning/disinfection from the CDC can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html.



ADDITIONAL PRACTICES

- 1. Training. Coordinate with your supervisor to ensure you complete required COVID-19 safety training and watch for ongoing updates.
- 2. *Inspection*. Coordinate with your supervisor to ensure the work area is periodically inspected to ensure COVID-19 hazards are addressed and safety practices are being properly implemented.
- 3. Case Incident Response. If a known or suspected case of COVID-19 is found to have been present in the workplace, or exposed to employees, notify your supervisor and Vice Chancellor, Owen Letcher, immediately. A case incident response assessment will be performed to evaluate who was potentially exposed. Notification to impacted parties will be provided as appropriate and a cleaning/disinfection plan will be implemented as needed.
- 4. Visitor/Vendor Communications. Employees who are primary contacts for visitors and vendors must ensure that visitors/vendors understand that they are expected to follow the COVID-19 Board Policy on vaccination, safety guidance for visitors, as well as additional area or operation-specific COVID-19 safety practices. In addition, employees who are primary contacts for vendors must coordinate with the vendor to learn of any additional safety practices that should be followed by employees or visitors as a result of the vendor's work. This information must then be communicated to affected parties.
- 5. *Non-Work Activities*. Employees are **encouraged** to apply COVID-19 precautions similar to these safe work practices to their non-work personal activities. Such diligence in and out of the workplace will serve to protect co-workers, customers, families, and communities during this pandemic.

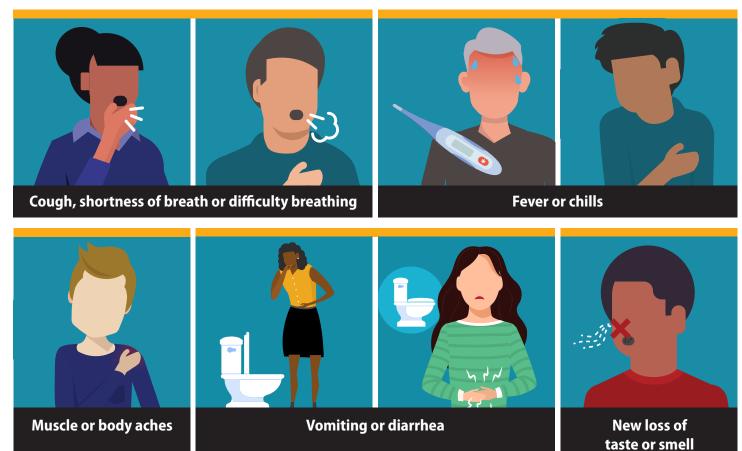
Attachments:

- Attachment A: CDC COVID-19 Symptoms Poster
- Attachment B: WHO Hand Wash/Rub Posters
- Attachment C: Mask Request Personal Signage

Attachment A CDC COVID-19 Symptoms Poster

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19.

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion

- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



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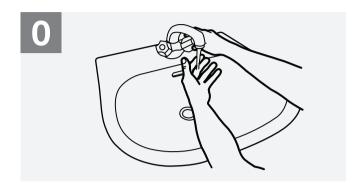
Attachment B WHO Hand Wash/Rub Posters

How to Handwash?

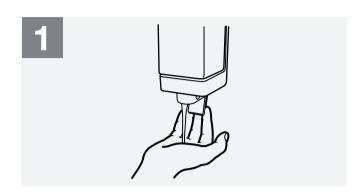
WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED! OTHERWISE, USE HANDRUB



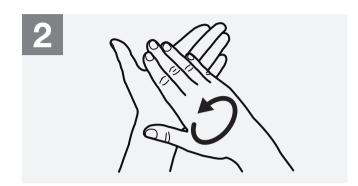
Duration of the entire procedure: 40-60 seconds



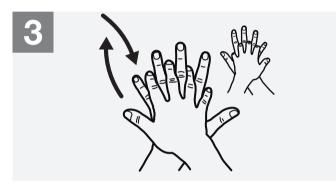
Wet hands with water;



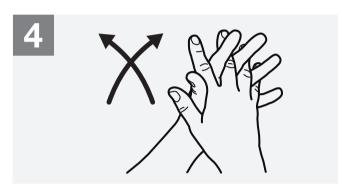
Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces;



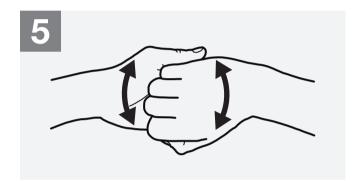
Rub hands palm to palm;



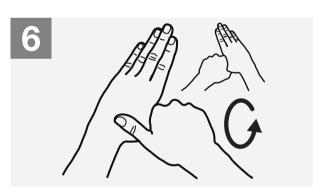
Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



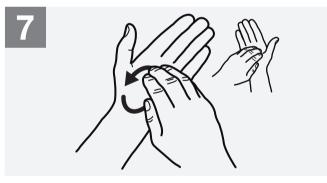
Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



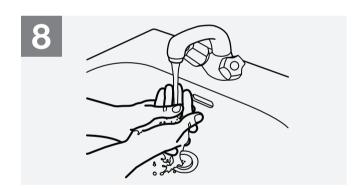
Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



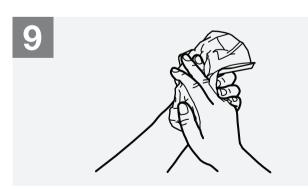
Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



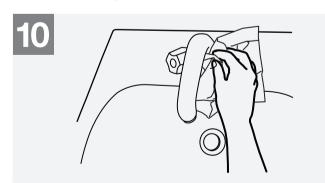
Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



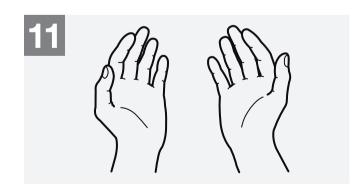
Rinse hands with water;



Dry hands thoroughly with a single use towel;



Use towel to turn off faucet;



Your hands are now safe.



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Clean Your Hands

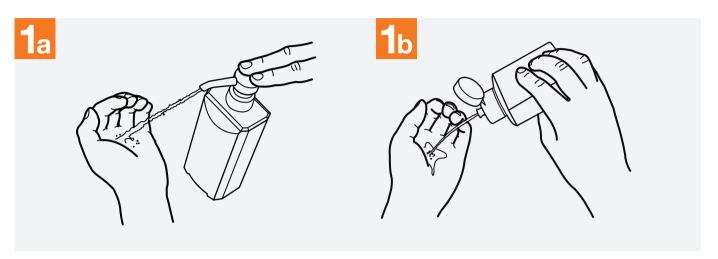
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How to Handrub?

RUB HANDS FOR HAND HYGIENE! WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED

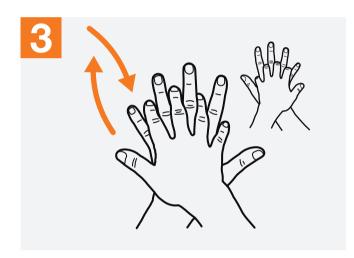
Duration of the entire procedure: 20-30 seconds



Apply a palmful of the product in a cupped hand, covering all surfaces;



Rub hands palm to palm;



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



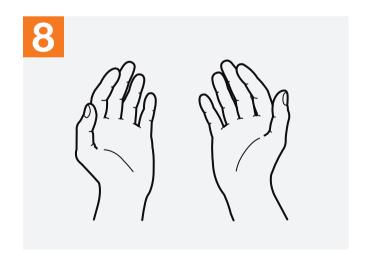
Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



Once dry, your hands are safe.



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Attachment C Mask Request Personal Signage

PLEASE WEARA FACE MASK.

Visitors to this space are kindly requested to wear a mask/face covering before entering.

THANK YOU

