

COVID-19 Guidance for Stockroom and Loading Dock Workers

OSHA is committed to protecting the health and safety of America's workers and workplaces during these unprecedented times. The agency will be issuing a series of industry-specific alerts designed to keep workers safe.

The following tips can help reduce the risk of exposure to coronavirus among stockroom or loading dock workers, as well as other retail workers, who perform tasks that do not involve frequent interaction with the public:

- Encourage workers to stay home if they are sick.
- Stock displays (e.g., shelves, freezers) during slow periods or shifts during which stores are closed to minimize contact with the public.
- If stocking occurs while stores are open, use barriers or markers to physically separate employees from customers.
- Maintain at least six feet between co-workers and customers, where possible.
- Limit customer capacity in stores.
- Coordinate with vendors and delivery companies to minimize the need for stockroom and loading dock workers to have contact with delivery drivers.
- Allow workers to wear masks over their nose and mouth to prevent spread of the virus.
- Discourage sharing of tools or equipment. Disinfect tools that must be shared after each use.
- Provide a place to wash hands and alcohol-based hand rubs containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces and equipment with Environmental Protection Agency-approved cleaning chemicals from [List N](#) or that have label claims against the coronavirus.
- Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

For more information, visit www.osha.gov/coronavirus or call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742).

OSHA issues alerts to draw attention to worker safety and health issues and solutions.