

Workplace Safety

Manufacturing Workers and Employers Interim Guidance from CDC and OSHA

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Manufacturing facilities are an integral part of the United States' supply chain. Some facilities are part of the **critical manufacturing sector** identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. CDC's **Critical Infrastructure Guidance** advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) provided they remain asymptomatic, have not had a positive test result for COVID-19, and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. Facilities that are not part of the critical manufacturing sector should follow the **CDC Public Health Recommendations for Community-Related Exposure** following a workers' potential exposure to COVID-19.

All manufacturing facilities developing plans for continuing operations in the setting of COVID-19 occurring among workers or in the surrounding community should:

1. Work directly with appropriate state and local public health officials and occupational safety and health professionals;
2. Incorporate relevant aspects of CDC guidance, including but not limited to this document and the CDC's **Critical Infrastructure Guidance**; and
3. Incorporate guidance from other authoritative sources or regulatory bodies as needed.

This document provides guidance for manufacturing workers and employers. This guidance supplements but does not replace general guidance at these websites:

- www.osha.gov/coronavirus
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/reopen-guidance.html

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