

Maintaining Manufacturing Production during COVID-19

Lessons learned about manufacturing with social distancing on the shop floor and in the front office.

Here is what **NuTech** of Arnprior told us:

“We are working differently. Those of us who can are working from home. We have split the office shifts in two – one group works Sun – Wed noon, the other group works Wed aft – Sat. This was done in case one group gets infected, the others can carry on.

The production shifts have been split into days and nights, and the intent is those groups (as well as the office groups) are not to interact with each other at all. No longer do production people come to the office area and vice versa – folders are left on a table with each person’s name on them and any correspondence (time sheets, route charts etc) are left in the folders for each person to pick up.

Lunchrooms have been downsized/spread out, new ones have been created, staff are welcome to eat in their vehicles. Lunches/breaks are staggered so fewer people can congregate, etc.

We have many hand sanitizers, segregated washrooms designated by groups, and implement daily disinfection binges of common areas and machinery. Our offices are cleaned every couple of hours – everyone takes a turn.

The QA group and front office are segregated, each group has its own washroom.

Manufacturing continues at 100% of our production goal so have not seen any significant decrease. No visitors are allowed, including deliveries. Packages are to be left outside, with the exception of truck loads, which are delivered regularly and unloaded by our people while the driver stays clear.

We issued the new guidelines provided by Heart and Stroke regarding no-hands CPR. The vast majority of cardiac arrests (over 80%) will be in the home setting and responders are likely to be friends or family.”

<https://www.heartandstroke.ca/articles/modification-to-hands-only-cpr-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>

Staff are advised to follow the steps below should they feel comfortable helping the person in need:

1. To assess signs of cardiac arrest, simply look at the chest, **DO NOT** Look, Listen, and Feel;
2. Call 911, advise the dispatcher that the victim is unconscious and not breathing;
3. Identify to the dispatcher if you believe that the victim may have collapsed as a result of COVID-19;
4. Lay a cloth, towel or a piece of clothing over the mouth and nose to reduce the spread of any virus;
5. Perform Hands-Only CPR and **DO NOT** perform rescue breathing;
6. Use an AED promptly if available;
7. Proper handwashing needs to be carried out.