



March 23, 2019

From: County of San Luis Obispo Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)

To: Facility Owner/Operator

RE: **Gas Stations Operating as Essential Businesses in San Luis Obispo County under the Local Emergency Order and Regulation No. 4**

Define and follow a recommended COVID-19 Protection Procedure for customers and employees:

- **Disinfect common public contact surfaces throughout the day and after use including:**
 - Door handles
 - Keypads for pay stations (at pump and in convenience store)
 - Touch screens
 - Cabinet/drawer handles
 - Faucet handles
 - Chlorine (bleach) based sanitizer over 100ppm (approx. 1/3 cup bleach to 1-gallon water) or quaternary ammonium-based sanitizers over 200ppm are effective at killing viruses when cleaning food contact. Review manufacturer’s specific guidance on disinfection of equipment. Use test strips to ensure that sanitizer is at the required concentration. Also remember to sanitize tables, chairs, service counters and any other areas exposed to customers routinely throughout the day.
 - **DO NOT MIX INCOMPATIBLE CLEANING PRODUCTS.**(see link below for incompatibles)
 - Fueling Nozzles
 - Windshield squeegee
 - Grocery conveyers, counters, conveyer dividers
 - Restrooms
 - Break rooms, phones
- **Employee Protective Directions:**
 - Remind employees to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hands should be washed:
 - ✓ When entering the kitchen and prior to food preparation
 - ✓ After touching your face, hair, or other areas of the body
 - ✓ After using the restroom
 - ✓ After coughing, sneezing, using a tissue, smoking, eating or drinking
 - ✓ When switching between raw food and ready-to-eat foods
 - ✓ Before putting gloves on
 - ✓ After cleaning, bussing tables or touching any items that customers have used
 - ✓ Between handling money/credit cards/pens/receipts and handling food
 - ✓ Cashiers should wash hands or use hand sanitizer between customers
 - ✓ Hand sanitizer is recommended and should be used after washing hands
 - ✓ Assign an employee at every shift to keep soap and paper towels stocked at all facility hand sinks
 - ✓ Provide hand sanitizer for customers near entrances and in common areas
 - Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or your elbow (not your hands).



- Sick employees should stay home. Prohibit employees that have been exposed to identified cases of COVID-19 from returning to work. Those individuals should self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Practice social distancing: Maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or greater from other people. Recommend placing markers on floor to remind customers to distance themselves at least 6 feet.
- Create a business-specific contingency plan to account for increased employee absenteeism due to illness. Try to anticipate how further restrictions that may be enforced could affect your business.
- Please be cognizant of stress your employees may be enduring, such as: children at home for the foreseeable future, financial duress due to decreased income and family illness.

Maintain compliance with UST Operating Permit Conditions:

- Appropriate follow-up for alarms, maintain daily and monthly inspections, contact this office within 48 hrs for testing and/or replacement of any monitoring equipment
- Perform annual monitoring certification and triennial secondary containment testing as required.

Fueling stations along with several other industries have been defined as “Essential Business/ Essential Critical Infrastructure” under the County and State Executive Orders issued March 18-19, 2020. These businesses are strongly encouraged to remain open, as they provide services or goods essential to the general public; and therefore, should take great care to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additional information for businesses to prepare can be found on the websites below:

- <https://www.readyslo.org/> (805) 543-2444
- <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health/Environmental-Health/Forms-Documents/Reference-Materials/Hazardous-Materials-Program-Reference-Documents/Chemical-Incompatibilities.aspx>

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