
Countries all over the world are taking action to contain the COVID-19 outbreak. However, long term success will need the involvement of everyone to stop the spreading of the disease. This health and safety protocol has been elaborated by the Logistics Cluster and WFP for its facilities in Yemen based on WHO documents and advice – specifically “[Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19](#)” - with an emphasis on relevant information for logistics-related working environments.

WAREHOUSE PREVENTATIVE HYGIENE MEASURES

Everybody should self-monitor their health. Anyone experiencing even minor symptoms, should contact health authorities and self-quarantine.

HANDWASHING

- Everyone (staff, contractors, service suppliers, visitors, partners and others) should frequently wash their hands.
- Dispensers of chlorinated water or alcohol rub to be prominently displayed and located at all areas of the warehouse compound - including the entrance.
- Hand sanitiser bottles are to be regularly filled, and tissues/wipes regularly replaced.
- Hand washing is mandatory upon entrance to the warehouse. Truck drivers must do so as soon as parked inside the compound.

INFORMATION

- Inform all persons of key personal preventative health measures.
- Display posters with key messages on health and safety measures in your workplaces. Combine this with other communication channels commonly used at the site.
- Drivers should be briefed upon arrival to the warehouse compound prior to any operation taking place. Provide them with any information or hygiene products they might need. Exert maximum care on explaining that these measures also apply to other activities - especially during their trips or when they serve another customer. Remember: briefings are an excellent opportunity to spread accurate information around prevention.

NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

- Physical contact should be avoided by keeping a one-meter distance with anyone. Avoid handshaking, hugging.

NO DRINK OR FOOD SHARING

- Sharing food and drinking from the same glass/bottle should be avoided. Cooking utensils and cutlery sharing should be avoided, unless they are properly sanitised with a chlorinated solution.

ACCESS TO WAREHOUSE COMPOUND

- Warehouse logbook: all persons entering warehouse premises must be registered in the logbook, together with their full details to enable tracing (phone numbers, persons they visited, ID number) that will facilitate contact tracing.
- Workers are requested to refrain from leaving the hub during working hours, in order to reduce movement only to the essential. Food and drink should be brought from home or delivered in a safe manner.

COVID-19 Mitigating Measures

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- Truck drivers may not gather with others. They must stay inside or stand in front of their truck for the full duration of the loading and offloading operations. Food and drink must be delivered and consumed inside the truck.
- Shoe sole washing: it is advisable to place basins with chlorinated water at the entrance of the perimeter so that people can dip their shoe soles in them before accessing the space, to ensure that the shoe soles of labourers that often need to climb decks and trucks are sanitised.

WAREHOUSE MAINTENANCE

- Floors and surfaces: keep warehouse floors and surfaces as well as offices and other areas clean. Desks, tables, door handles or any surface that is regularly in contact with hands, needs to be regularly wiped down with disinfectant.
- Define cleaning cycles for frequent cleaning and disinfection of floors, work surfaces and other targeted areas.
- Increase the number of bins and the frequency of rubbish removal.