



DAILY MANDATORY SUT

Please share the Mandatory Talk, "Guidance on Social gatherings" with all employees and document delivery in the Safety Tool Kit under Mandatory Talk ID# 4722. This is the latest in information from Headquarters Safety and provides safe practices in combating the COVID-19 virus. In Addition, remember to document this talk locally using sign in sheets to be placed in your file cabinets housing safety related materials. Suspense date for this endeavor is COB 3/24/2020 which should allow for employees who might be on leave or days off to receive the information.

Thank you for helping to keep our employees and yourselves safe.

Mandatory Stand-Up Talk

March 18, 2020

Guidance on Social Gatherings

Today, we want to provide information on guidance recently issued by the White House and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), regarding social gatherings. Avoiding social gatherings is a way to help reduce introduction of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) into new communities. It is believed to also help slow the spread of infection in communities already affected by the virus.

Specifically, the [White House and CDC](#) now recommend avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people for a 15-day period in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The safety and well-being of our employees is our highest priority. Therefore, in our stand up talks, we will stagger times with smaller groups indoors and/or hold them outside for larger spacing if possible.

It's important to note that the White House and CDC guidance states, "If you work in a critical infrastructure industry [which includes the Postal Service], you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule." Our core mission is to bind the nation together, and we continue to be a vital connection for millions of people throughout the nation. Be assured, the Postal Service is following operable CDC guidance to protect your health at work.

Several agencies, including the CDC, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Surgeon General, and the Director of the National Institute for Allergies and Infectious Diseases, have all indicated that there is currently no evidence that the coronavirus is being spread through the mail. The risk to employees continues to be low, according to health experts.