

# Mandatory Stand-Up Talk

January 24, 2020

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Attached and pasted below is a mandatory stand-up talk on staying healthy.

This mandatory talk should be delivered to all employees by Friday, February 14, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this topic.

# **Mandatory Stand-Up Talk**

**February 11, 2020**

## **Health tips**

### **Flu and respiratory diseases including novel (new) coronavirus**

It's currently flu and respiratory disease season and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends getting a flu vaccine, taking everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals if prescribed.

While the immediate risk of the new coronavirus to the American public is believed by the CDC to be low at this time, everyone can help respond in a healthy manner.

The CDC states the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed, and to follow recommendations to help prevent the spread of any respiratory viruses, including the following tips.

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- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
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- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-percent alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- If you're well, follow CDC's recommendations and don't wear face masks to protect yourself from respiratory viruses, including the novel coronavirus.

These are everyday preventive measures that can help stop the spread of several viruses.

In addition, the CDC states there is likely very low risk that the virus can be spread from products or packaging shipped from China, because of poor survivability of coronaviruses on surfaces.

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# Mandatory Stand-Up Talk

Feb. 25, 2020

## Staying vigilant

### Flu and respiratory disease prevention tips

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CDC recommends several steps to help prevent the spread of any respiratory viruses, including the new coronavirus, known as COVID-19 (*pronounced CO-vid 19*).

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- Follow CDC's recommendations for using face masks. CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear face masks to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
- Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent spreading the disease to others. The use of face masks is also crucial for health workers and caregivers.

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