MANAGING WAP SAFETY IN COVID-19

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AGENDA

- Updates to NASCSP Resources on COVID
  - Considerations for safety protocols
  - COVID-19 self checker
- Brenda Ilg, Wyoming, WAP Program Manager
  - COVID checklist
  - Emergency Preparedness
  - Safety newsletter
- Upcoming Safety Training
- Open Discussion
NASCSP Resources on COVID-19

- Safety Protocols
  - Considerations for WAP Field Work (NASCSP)
    - Additional State Samples available on NASCSP Member Portal
  - National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
    - Poster of Protection Measures
    - Jobsite Safety Toolbox Talk
    - Additional Resources in English and Spanish
  - OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
  - Potential screening tools for workers and clients
    - Emory University- “Check your risk for COVID-19”
    - Wisconsin Department of Health

https://nascsp.org/coronavirus-resources/nascsp-resources-on-covid/
NASCSP Resources on COVID-19

Considerations for WAP Field Work

- Development of Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan
- Grantee Planning for updates to H&S Plans
  - Deferral conditions and timeframes
  - Allowance for additional PPE and protective measure costs
  - Consider online training on proper PPE use prior to re-entry
- Implementing changes to policies to protect crew and clients
  - Examples: sanitizing measures, prioritizing exterior work, face masks for clients, PPE for all crew doing interior work, isolating the client.
- Create PPE inventory checklists

NASCSP Resources on COVID-19

Considerations for WAP Field Work

Recommended Client Screening Questions:

1. Has anyone in the household tested positive for COVID-19? If so, how long ago?

2. Is anyone in your household experiencing fever, cough or shortness of breath in the last two weeks?

3. Has anyone in your household been in contact with someone who has had a fever, cough or shortness of breath in the last two weeks?

4. Has anyone in your household been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks.
You reported symptoms associated with Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**SUMMARY**

🏠 Please self isolate by staying at home, unless your symptoms become more severe and you need medical attention. Call your doctor first with any concerns.

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK**

From CDC.gov

- Avoid contact with older adults and anyone with serious underlying medical conditions.

Check your risk for COVID-19 - https://c19check.com/start
Brenda Ilg, Wyoming, WAP Program Manager

WAP COVID Resources

Wyoming

- WY WAP COVID-19 Checklist
- WAP Emergency Preparedness, Disaster & Continuity of Operations Guidance
- Wyoming Safety Newsletter
Wyoming created a COVID-19 Pandemic/Infectious Disease Checklist.

Safety protocols for client document management

Includes deferral conditions for screening or client request.
Emergency Preparedness and Continuity of Operations Plan

- Pandemic preparedness framework or task force
- Monitor situation to determine change in severity
- Extend clean workplace/personal hygiene protocols
- Review HR policies and practices
- Establish a pandemic communications program
- Review impact on essential functions and business operations
- Review IT actions and considerations, remote work
- Use a preparedness exercise to review pandemic plans and identify gaps in response
- “The 10 Questions”
Safety Saves
Wyoming Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Safety Newsletter

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the best source of up-to-date guidance for planning, preparing and responding to COVID-19. At this time, much is unknown about how the virus that causes COVID-19 spreads. Current knowledge is mainly based on what is known about similar coronaviruses.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in humans and many different species of animals such as camels, cats, bats, and cattle. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can infect people and then spread from person to person, such as MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in China and Italy and within the United States to a lesser degree at this time. However, respiratory illnesses such as seasonal influenza are also currently widespread in many areas.

Since weatherization crew members are in direct contact with the public we serve, and we work within the homes of those we serve, it is important to prepare and plan for a possible COVID-19 outbreak. The CDC has issued interim guidance that may help prevent workplace exposures. Additional information is available on CDC’s web page at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/covid19.

CDC Recommended Strategies for Employers
- Actively encourage sick employees to stay home: employees with symptoms of acute respiratory illnesses are recommended to stay home and not come to work until they are free of fever, signs of fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medications.
- Separate sick employees: symptomatic employees should be separated from other employees and sent home.
- Emphasize staying home when sick, respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene.
- Perform routine environmental cleaning.

EPA List of Registered Disinfectants:

Safety is job one. And, it is everyone’s job.
Wyoming WAP Operational Changes

- Increased PPE and training for all crew
- Job Safety Analysis - added new hazard- COVID-19
- Increased sanitizing measures
- Rethink how you will work in COVID - be smart to protect your workers
- What behaviors need to change?
Online Back to Work Safety Training

- Recognize the hazards to workers and clients of COVID 19 exposure
- Explain the safe work practices that will need to be implemented to reduce worker exposure to the COVID19 hazards in each work site.
- Identify the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment required for each task at work sites. Proper use and cleaning.
- Choose the appropriate decontamination and disinfection methods required for weatherization tasks.
- Explain the proper procedures for safely disposing of materials (chemicals, wipes, PPE, etc.) used in decontamination and disinfection methods.
- Describe the personal safe practices that weatherization workers should implement at home to protect their families from potential exposure to COVID19 hazards.
Open Discussion
Thanks for attending!

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