

Advice for In-Home Contractors

In-home workers such as plumbers, electricians, carpenters, appliance repair, cable, and phone technicians can become sick with COVID-19 and spread the virus if they are exposed on the job. Take steps to reduce your exposure.

Before You Go to a Job

Check yourself

- Are you sick?
- Do you have any symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough, sore throat, fever, or shortness of breath?
- Is anyone in your home isolated or quarantined for COVID-19, or have they been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Check-in with your customer

- Is anyone in the home sick?
- Has anyone been tested and confirmed to have COVID-19 and is currently isolated in the home?
- Is anyone in the home self-quarantined or under quarantine by a local health department because of COVID-19?
- Has anyone in the home had contact with someone known to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, postpone the job until everyone is healthy and cleared from isolation or quarantine.

Discuss the job ahead of time

Discuss the job with the client before you go on site. Plan ahead and share pictures of the work area through texts or emails to collect as much information as possible and to limit your time in the home.

Advice on the Job

- Wear a face covering
- Wash hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or use at least 60% alcohol-based sanitizer as described on side 2
- If you learn that anyone in the home is sick or quarantined leave immediately and don't perform services
- Stay at least 6-feet (2-meters) apart from anyone in the home and don't shake hands
- Minimize touching surfaces and exchanging items
- If possible, take and process payment over the phone



Wash Your Hands Frequently

Wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water frequently, especially if hands get soiled during a job. Hand sanitizer is not effective on visibly soiled hands. You can use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol on unsoiled hands. Wash hands:

- Before entering someone's home
- Before interacting with a customer
- After leaving a job site
- Before eating
- After using the restroom

Consider installing a handwashing station in your vehicle.

Examples of handwashing station supplies:

- Pail filled with water and soap, and paper towels
- Gallon jug of water, soap, paper and paper towels
- Hand sanitizer made with 60% alcohol



Clean and Disinfect Vehicles and Tools

- Clean and disinfect tools that are shared after each use
- Disinfect frequently touched vehicle surfaces including the steering wheel, arm rests, gear shifts, door handles, locks, and keys
- Use products from the [DEC List of Products to Disinfect COVID-19](#)
- Follow manufacturer instructions for safe and effective use of products

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