

Sweeper COVID-19 Safety Protocol Suggestions

By Victory Sweepers Team Members

Daily Action Items (perhaps more often)

- Wear a mask when talking to any customers or center managers to show professionalism, concern and effort to maximize safety
- Install sanitizer and/or saniwipes in every vehicle
- Wipe down all 'touching surfaces' in every vehicle; periodically and always in between each different driver. This includes steering wheel, door surfaces, door handles, console, radio and all control surfaces
- Require that all drivers wear gloves (this also protects from needles and other sharps in trash, etc.) One contractor reports they are placing a dozen latex gloves in each cab and requiring heavier rubber gloves to be worn over them
- Instruct drivers and backpack operators wear masks when out of the vehicle (backpack operators should be wearing a mask for dust protection)
- Only allow one person in the restroom at a time
- Practice 'social distancing' of 6-feet when around anyone
 - Stagger driver arrival so everyone doesn't end up in the same area at once
 - o Hold all meetings outdoors with a minimum of 6-feet between everyone
- Wash hands often and thoroughly for a minimum of 20 seconds
- If allowable, consider requiring temperature checks at the start of each shift for all employees coming to work
- Latest reports indicate anyone with a loss of sense of smell and taste should quarantine for seven days; this has been shown to be a 'pre-symptom' of having other symptoms of COVID-19

Long Term

- Specify pressurized cabs for sweepers to assure compliance with the silica rules
- Purchase a sweeper that performs well, in order to allow operator to stay in the cab and minimize handpicking
- Outfit operators in clean, professional looking uniforms or clothes
- Post precautions and safety requirements both in the cab and on the shop walls

