Preventing Spread of COVID19 in Breakrooms



Purpose	To provide guidance for preventing the spread of COVID19 in breakrooms		
Scope	NYC Health + Hospitals System		
Process	<ol> <li>Task</li> <li>I. Hazard Assessment of Breakroom:         <ol> <li>Remove extra furnishing or mark off areas for appropriate physical distancing at least 6 feet apart</li> <li>Post "Max Occupancy Signage" outside each breakroom with appropriate number based on ability of staff to maintain at greater than 6 ft distance</li> <li>Ensure trash bins are near and right outside each break room to discard any</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Recommended Owner(s) COO Facility Management	
	<ul> <li>PPE upon entry and ensuring trash is not overflowing</li> <li>Post "Breakroom Etiquette" Signage in each room in strategic locations for visibility</li> <li>Post "Hand Hygiene Signage" to enforce hand hygiene before entering the breakroom and before leaving the breakroom</li> <li>II. Supplies/Equipment Available in All Breakrooms:</li> </ul>	Materials Management	
	<ol> <li>Install free standing or wall mounted hand sanitizer stations if space allows</li> <li>Provide napkins, tissues, paper bags or other means to store and serve as a barrier to rest a facemask on when staff are eating or drinking, in effort to prevent cross contamination. Consider hooks on walls or designated furniture for masks (ensure EVS cleans/disinfects these surfaces routinely) and gallon size zip lock bags and/or large paper bags available to store masks, goggles, face shields</li> <li>Ensure paper towels and disinfectant wipes</li> </ol>	Facility Management	

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4.	disinfect their area when splashes/spills occur <u>and</u> prior to leaving the breakroom Stock up of individually wrapped utensils in the break room	
1.	Increase number of available breakrooms Increase number of available break rooms (e.g., use conference space) to accommodate additional staff given reduction in room occupancy Stagger breaks when possible to ensure there is no crowding in breakrooms	COO Facility Management
IV.	Training/Education for Staff on Risk	Facility Infection
4	Perception	Preventionists or
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