

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MANUFACTURERS

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The CDC recommends six feet of social distancing to minimize the spread of COVID-19. But it can be difficult to achieve that much separation between individuals in your production facilities, packing and shipping areas, offices and breakrooms. Here are 10 tips that other manufacturers have shared on MLC's COVID-19 Town Hall calls for what measures they are taking to practice social distancing.

LEADERSHIP

1. Monitor and correct any social distancing issues in your facility in accordance with CDC guidance
2. Develop your team to be agile and flexible, ex: cross-functional skills training to keep operations running



PHYSICAL SPACE

3. Stagger shift start times to minimize any potential crowding
4. Use tape or paint to mark appropriate distance for areas where lines may form (time clocks, work stations, etc.)
5. Wherever it is safe to do so, consider leaving doors, drawers or cupboards open to minimize the number of touch surfaces
6. Limit the number of employees allowed in break rooms and confined spaces as much as possible
7. Follow CDC cleaning and disinfection recommendations



VIRTUAL SPACE

8. Hold all meetings virtually



COMMUNICATION

9. Communicate with your team frequently to reinforce health and safety protocols and ask for their input
10. Contact customers to explain any production impacts as a result of social distancing



Consult CDC and your state and local health agencies for the most up-to-date guidance on social distancing recommendations.



For more information on the developing COVID-19 situation, visit nam.org/coronavirus.

Please note that these are intended as a helpful reference point and this is not legal advice. We still recommend consulting with your appropriate regulators and key stakeholders, including legal counsel, before deciding on how to best proceed with your company's operations. These are simply "examples of what others are doing" not guidance from the MLC and NAM.