



MSHA has posted written guidance regarding the coronavirus on their website: [msha.gov/msha-response-covid-19](https://www.msha.gov/msha-response-covid-19)

- MSHA is following the [CDC Interim Guidance](#), which includes guidelines for maintaining 6' of social distancing; **6 Ft mean 6 Ft**
- MSHA is encouraging inspectors to participate in screenings or questionnaires at operations; Discuss **at Check in or detail on your options with Kent Field office.**
- MSHA employees who are symptomatic or have had a potential exposure are being asked to quarantine at home; Ask **them to please do not enter the property.**
- **CHANGES IN PRODUCTION:** Make sure you alert MSHA about "changes in production". *Per Vacaville, if you are NOT operating you are required to alert them on the plant location closed or you are not working at, at reduced capacity or have limited crews working.* This allows them to not travel or send an inspector unnecessarily to a closed location or they may send a limited number of inspectors for a routine inspection.
- When you alert them on your plant status, to reduce unnecessary exposures, request *in advance*, they only send 1 inspector for a routine inspection.
- When visitors or contractors come onto your site, make sure you provide them with your company or site COVID 19 safety and health. **Sick visitors should be asked to not enter the property or interact with your employees**

For specific issues, questions, or concerns we encourage operators to reach out to our MSHA Resources. They can provide information once it becomes available.

- Kent Field Office: Keith Palmer / Supervisor Palmer.Melvin@dol.gov / 253-395 9585
- Heather Smith : Albany OR / Health & Safety Specialist / smith.heather@dol.wa.gov / 541 924 8495
- Boise for EWA; Ron Jacobsen / supervisor Jacobsen.Ronald@dol.gov / 208-334-1835
- [Western District Office](#) in Vacaville CA.

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