



COVID-19 Action/Response

Maintaining health and safety during large events.



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COVID-19 ACTION/RESPONSE PLAN

While we did not anticipate this virus to continue to affect our everyday lives this far into 2020, we have unfortunately seen a large spread of the virus to new areas. Due to this, the United States has begun taking measures to deter large gatherings of people in the interest of maintaining public health. EPAutomotive is aware that this may cause disruptions with not only our drifting events in 2020, but also drifting events all over the Midwest and all over the Nation. Due to this, we have decided to implement some general guidelines that are designed to promote health and safety at our events. While we recommend that you keep up these guidelines in your everyday life regardless of any globally-spreading pandemic, we especially encourage you to follow these guidelines during this time. Doing so will ensure that we as humans are doing all that we can to stop the spread of this virus at one of our events.

1. Frequently wash hands

The CDC and WHO recommend this as the number one way to fight against a coronavirus infection. It is recommended to wash hands frequently throughout the day, especially after bodily contact with another person or after contact with items used frequently by the public (door handles, menus, restroom equipment, etc).

We recommend that you wash your hands at least once every hour at our events. This frequency is due to the large volume of people and bodily interaction that comes from hanging out at a drift event.

2. Avoid bodily contact

In addition to frequently washing hands, it is recommended that you avoid bodily contact with other people. This includes shaking hands, high fives, hugs, etc. The virus spreads most efficiently via droplets, meaning that close bodily contact (less than 6 feet) can easily transfer an infection from one person to another.

In addition to avoiding basic things such as shaking hands, it is also recommended that crowds **spread out**. By trying to maintain at least a 6 foot distance from the person next to you will effectively stop the spread of the virus in a crowd.

3. Use basic hygiene if you are already sick

To be clear, if you have contracted COVID-19 **DO NOT attend a drift event**. This guideline goes for people who may already have a cold or some other minor ailment. It is recommended that you cough or sneeze into your elbow. The spread of droplets via coughing and sneezing is very intense.

What should you NOT do?

1. Don't panic

Despite what you read and watch in the news, there is little cause for panic. If you are younger than 50 years old and in generally good health, you already have a microscopic chance of any major complications from contracting the virus. However, the important thing to remember here is that **while you may not face any serious complications, you can easily be a carrier of the virus and transfer it to someone who may be at a higher risk.** That is why the guidelines outlined on the previous page are important. However, you should not panic.

2. Do not purchase surgical masks or any other type of face mask

Data has shown that these are largely ineffective when used by the general population. While masks are able to protect against droplets, the average lifestyle of civilians opens the door for many other ways for the virus to get in that *aren't* protected by a mask. These masks are **most effective for medical and health professionals who spend a large amount of time around people who are sick.** They do not offer any sort of improved protection for civilians that could not be obtained by just following the guidelines on the previous page.

3. Don't worry

Similar to don't panic, just don't worry. There's no reason to be afraid, we all plan to have a lot of fun this drifting season. We just want to ensure that we all stay healthy, staff and participants included. These precautions are **not** meant to worry you, but rather to put you at ease knowing that extremely basic hygiene measures can easily protect you and those around you from the coronavirus.