

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM DIVERSIFIED MAINTENANCE REGARDING Wuhan Coronavirus 2019-nCoV**

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**BACKGROUND** - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is reporting that they are closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (Wuhan Coronavirus 2019-nCoV) first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Chinese authorities identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in hundreds of confirmed cases in China, including cases outside Wuhan, with additional cases being identified in a growing number of countries internationally. The first case in the United States was announced on January 21, 2020.

**PRECAUTIONS** - There are currently five confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus in the US. There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Hand Hygiene - Since the viral infection is primarily spread through person-to-person contact, hand hygiene is a primary part of preventing transmission. Facilities should ensure that their personnel are familiar with proper hand hygiene as well as its rationale.
- Environmental Cleaning - Although microbiologically contaminated surfaces can serve as reservoirs of potential pathogens, generally these surfaces are not directly associated with transmission of infections to personnel. The transfer of microorganisms from environmental surfaces to personnel is largely via hand contact with the surface. Although hand hygiene is important to minimize the impact of this transfer, cleaning and disinfecting environmental surfaces as appropriate is fundamental in reducing their potential contribution to the spread of viruses.

### **How Diversified Maintenance is Responding**

Diversified Maintenance has taken the following steps to address this potential hazard:

- Working with our suppliers, Diversified Maintenance has identified disinfectants that have the Coronavirus claim and can be used to clean and disinfect surfaces.
- Diversified EHS personnel have created and distributed to all field personnel the attached SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE directive, **“CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROCEDURES WHEN A NOVEL CORONA VIRUS INFECTION IS SUSPECTED”** (see attached document).

As more information becomes available, we will continue to update our field personnel and our customers with that new information.

In the meantime, please reach out to your Diversified Maintenance contact to discuss what steps and procedures can be implemented to help your company prevent the spread of this virus.