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# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preparedness and Response Plan

# **PURPOSE**

Due to the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Bank must re-examine our daily operations to ensure the safety of both employees and the public. This revised operations plan is extremely important as we begin reopening our locations. Per the executive order, this plan will be available to employees and customers via website, Compass or hard copy.

To help slow the spread of COVID-19 and safeguard our employees, the Bank has created the following action plan. This plan, which is based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidance, highlights the responsibilities of supervisors and employees and outlines the steps the Bank is taking to address COVID-19.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

When it comes to ensuring a safe workplace during the COVID-19 outbreak, both supervisors and employees have an important role to play. The following is a breakdown of the responsibilities for Bank leadership and employees.

# Management Response Team

The pandemic response team is a cross-functional team that recommends and oversees workplace protocols to control the spread of COVID-19. This team will include the following roles:

- Senior Management: Senior Management is responsible for the Bank's overall action plan.
- **Virus prevention and protocols:** The Human Resources Department and the Retail Banking Manager is responsible for recommending and developing protocols to ensure the wellness of all employees.
- Sanitization and disinfection: The Human Resources Department and the Retail Banking Manager will
  guide logistics related to daily and periodic sanitation and disinfection efforts. Responsibilities include
  ensuring that routine cleanings are completed and helping to ensure necessary cleaning supplies are
  available.
- Communication: The President/CEO or Human Resources Director will manage all pandemic-related communications and guidelines. The Human Resources Department will provide COVID-19 related updates and make sure that employees understand their role in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

## Managers and Supervisors

The Bank's leadership team should familiarize themselves with the details of this action plan. Above all, leadership must be prepared to answer questions from employees and set a good example by adhering to the guidance prescribed in this plan. Know that your employees want to hear from you and they want to know you intend to keep them safe.

### **Employees**

**Employees play a critical role in the Bank's COVID-19 prevention efforts.** Get comfortable with being slightly uncomfortable. The new normal looks nothing like the old normal.

To protect everyone, the Bank has a number of general best practices that employees will be required to follow:

- 1. Understand the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Any employee who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and use PTO time unless for a qualified EFMLA leave reason. A wide range of symptoms have been reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear between 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these signs of illness may have COVID-19:
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fever (100.4 or higher)
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell

This list does not cover all possible symptoms. Other less common signs have been reported, including gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. *Individuals experiencing such symptoms should consult guidance from the CDC on seeking medical care*.

- 2. Practice good hygiene. Employees should wash their hands often, either with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water. Hand sanitizers should contain at least 60% alcohol. Employees should wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds. In addition, employees should avoid touching their face and cough or sneeze into their arm.
- **3. Practice social distancing.** Social distancing is the practice of deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness. It is recommended that individuals try to remain at least six feet apart when in the same area.

## **OPERATING PROTOCOLS**

In order to keep employees safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Bank requires the following workplace protective measures:

### **General Safety Policies**

- 1. Access to hand-washing accommodations and alcohol-based hand sanitizers will be provided to employees.
- 2. The Bank will place hand sanitizers in multiple locations to encourage hand hygiene.
- **3.** The Bank will place posters that encourage hand hygiene to help stop the spread of the coronavirus at the entrance and in other work/break areas.
- 4. The Bank will limit the number of customers allowed in our locations based on open teller windows.
- **5.** The Bank will modify the flow of traffic to minimize potential close contact with others and follow the six feet social distancing guidelines as permitted.
- **6.** The Bank will practice social distancing at the administrative office, loan centers, and branch locations.
- 7. The Bank is aware that some employees may be at higher risk for serious illness. To safeguard these employees, we will take steps to ensure they have minimal contact with others. (Employees should contact Human Resources to discuss).
- **8.** The Bank will provide employees washable face masks that cover their nose and mouth and face shields for use at work stations.

- 9. The Bank is prepared to change its business practices if needed to maintain critical operations.
- 10. The Bank has contingency plans in place should absenteeism spike as a result of COVID-19.
- **11.** Employees can voice COVID-19 concerns by contacting Human Resources.

### **EMPLOYEE PROTOCOLS**

To ensure safety at Eastern Michigan Bank locations, employees will be asked to comply with the following guidelines to prevent spreading the virus throughout the workplace:

# <u>Prevention in the Workplace</u>

Employees should adhere to the following requirements in the workplace:

- 1. Stagger lunches to limit the number of employees congregating in break areas.
- 2. Limit close contact with others, maintaining a distance of at least six feet when possible.
- **3.** An employee must wear a face covering unless he or she is "unable to medically tolerate a face covering." We will require a doctor's note attesting to such circumstance.
- **4.** Face masks or coverings are required when in common areas, such as break rooms, hallways and teller lines, including during in-person meetings.
- **5.** Face coverings need not be worn in an enclosed office or work station if the employee is alone. If another employee enters the office or work station, then each should wear a face covering.
- **6.** Take care and practice social distancing when attending meetings & gatherings:
  - Consider using videoconferencing or teleconferencing when possible for meetings and gatherings.
  - Cancel or postpone large work-related meetings or gatherings that can only occur in-person.
- 7. Refrain from sharing equipment. In instances where this is unavoidable, the Bank will provide cleaning products that employees can use to clean equipment.
- **8.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, including workstations, door handles, tables and countertops on a regular basis.
- **9.** Practice proper hand hygiene. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol can also be used.

# Employees should wash their hands:

- Before eating food
- After using the restroom
- After blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing
- After putting on, touching or removing face masks
- Before and after work shifts
- Periodically throughout the day

- Before and after work breaks
- **10.** Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth whenever possible.
- 11. No hand shaking, high-fives, fist bumps, hugs, etc.
- **12.** Avoid gathering when entering and exiting the facility.
- **13.** Follow any posted signage regarding COVID-19 social distancing practices.

### **Exhibiting Symptoms**

Notify their supervisor and stay home if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, as detailed. Employees should not return to work until the criteria to discontinue home isolation are met (see "return to work considerations" below), in consultation with health care providers, state and local health departments.

- 1. When self-quarantining, employees should:
  - Stay away from other people in their home as much as possible by using a separate bedroom and bathroom if available.
  - Not allow visitors.
  - Wear a face mask or face shield if they have to be around people.
  - Avoid sharing household items such as: drinking cups, eating utensils, towels, and bedding.
  - Clean high-touch surfaces daily.
    - Continue monitoring their symptoms, and call their health care provider if their condition worsens.
- 2. Notify their supervisor and follow CDC-recommended precautions if they have a family member at home that has tested positive for COVID-19.

# **Electronic Verification**

Employees will acknowledge the following questions each morning when logging on to their computers: (Employee's **MUST** "sign out" or "restart" their computer at end of each working day)

### **COVID-19 Policy Notification - Log on**

By clicking ok and logging in to the Eastern Michigan Bank Domain you attest to the following:

- You do not have symptoms of cough (without known/chronic cause), shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or any two of the following (chills, muscle pain, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell).
- You have not had close contact in the last 14 days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.
- You have not travelled internationally in the last 14 days.

If you are working inside any Eastern Michigan Bank locations, and your answer is" YES" to any of these questions, contact Human Resources.

### **Daily Screening**

All employees reporting to work will have their body temperature taken as a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- 1. Employees should wait at their computer until requested to proceed to the designated screening area after they have completed their electronic verification and clocked in (if required), and prior to entering any other areas of the Bank's property.
- 2. Screening will occur privately with touchless forehead/ temporal artery thermometer.
- **3.** Daily employee temperature screening will be documented pass or fail. The record will be maintained as a private medical record and will be scanned each day to Human Resources.
- **4.** The "senior" most employee on-site will complete the daily screening. The "senior" employee will not complete their own screening, this will be done by another employee on-site.
- **5.** An employee who has a fever at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or who is experiencing other symptoms will be sent home. The employee should monitor his or her symptoms and call a doctor if concerned about the symptoms.

# **Returning to Work Considerations**

An employee sent home can return to work when the following criteria have been met:

- 1. They have not had a fever for at least three (3) days or 72 hours without taking medication to reduce fever during that time; AND
- 2. Any respiratory symptoms (cough and shortness of breath) or other symptoms have improved; OR
- **3.** A doctor confirms the cause of an employee's fever or other symptoms is not COVID-19 and/or releases the employee to return to work in writing.

### CONFIRMED COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS PROTOCOL

If an employee has a positive COVID-19 test, the following steps will be required:

- 1. Without revealing the employee's identity, high risk and medium risk employees and vendors must be notified within 24 hours in writing by letter or email, that they have been in contact with an infected employee within the last 14 days. Copy of the notification sent will be retained by the Bank.
- 2. Any employee who had sustained close proximity (less than six feet for 10 minutes or more) will immediately be sent home and asked to monitor their symptoms. These employees should still continue to work remotely if possible. The employee should notify Human Resources if symptoms develop.
- **3.** Any other employees who may have come into contact with the infected employee will be notified and required to self-screen daily. The employees should notify Human Resources if symptoms develop.
- **4.** The work area and any additional common areas that the infected employee may have touched must be deep-cleaned and disinfected.

- **5.** Employees with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 may return to the workplace only after they are no longer infectious according to the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and they are released from any quarantine or isolation by the local public health department.
- **6.** Human Resources will notify the local health department immediately and ensure proper documentation.
- 7. Human Resources will ensure proper documentation of all steps taken.

### **RETURN FROM TRAVEL PROCEDURES**

The Bank will take additional safety precautions in the event that employees are traveling. Employees participating in travel will adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. Check the CDC's Traveler's Health Notices for the latest guidance and recommendations.
- 2. If an employee travels internationally, domestically in or out-of-state, they must be asymptomatic and fever-free for 72 hours prior to the date of return to work or use PTO time.
- 3. Level 3 Travel Health Notice widespread ongoing transmission *with* restriction (pink color on CDC map) on entry to the United States will be prohibited, a person who travels during the previous 14 days will not be allowed to enter the United States. Check the CDC's website for locations (pink color on CDC map).
- **4.** Employees are discouraged from traveling to domestic high risk/hot spot areas and should consider everyone's safety.
- **5.** Employees who become ill during or upon returning from travel with virus-like symptoms will need to contact a health care provider as well as their supervisor or the Human Resources Department for direction as soon as possible.
- **6.** Employees returning from travel that may have been exposed should work with their supervisor to set appropriate telecommuting arrangements or request time off from work.

# **CUSTOMER OR VENDOR PROTOCOLS**

In order to protect Eastern Michigan Bank visitors and employees, we will follow the guidelines below:

- 1. Customers that enter the branch who are in need of their safe deposit box will be asked to complete a questionnaire and offered a mask, but not required.
- 2. The branches will have a greeter to assist with customer flow and appropriate customer safety protocols, such as wearing a mask, verifying they are a Bank customer, symptoms, etc. Customers entering the branch without a mask will be offered one, but not required.
- **3.** Vendors that enter one of the facilities for maintenance will be asked to sign and complete a questionnaire and will be required to wear a mask that goes over their nose and mouth.
- **4.** Limit vendors to essential services only.
- **5.** Update messaging on our websites to educate visitors on facility precautions and hours.
- **6.** We will communicate our safety protocols and precautions to vendors and customers. This will be done using signage, social media, and other available communication channels.

- **7.** Encourage visitors to practice social distancing when in the facility. Visitors will be asked to maintain at least six feet of distance from staff via written signage or instructions provided prior to their visit.
- 8. Place hand sanitation stations and wipes throughout the facility.
- 9. The Bank is not obligated to identify and notify customers who may have been exposed.
- **10.** If requested, an individual may be required to temporarily remove a mask for identification purposes per our customer identification program. We need to keep branches safe from robberies as well as COVID-19.

# **CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROCEDURES**

The Bank will require surfaces and equipment to be disinfected before and after use, or—for frequently touched items—multiple times a day. The following items will be cleaned regularly:

- Door handles
- Restrooms
- Refrigerator and freezer handles
- Sink handles
- Soap dispensers
- Towel dispensers
- Trash receptacle touch points
- Cleaning tools
- Buckets

- Telephones
- Computers
- Office cabinet handles
- Break room tables and chairs
- Display screens on equipment
- Thresholds and hand railings
- Counters and other surfaces
- Pens or other writing utensils
- Floors
- 1. Desk, counter tops and individual work areas will be disinfected twice a day, at a minimum.
- **2.** The Bank will provide employees responsible for cleaning the appropriate protective equipment. Cleaning should be completed using CDC-recommended products, including:
  - Environmental Protection Agency-registered household disinfectants.
  - Alcohol solutions with at least 60% alcohol.
  - Diluted household bleach solutions (if appropriate for the surface)
- **3.** Trash will be collected from the workplace regularly. Those collecting trash will be instructed to wear nitrile, latex, or vinyl gloves.
- **4.** HVAC air filters will be replaced quarterly, scheduled by location supervisor.

# **COVID-19 Positive Cleaning**

When an employee has tested positive for COVID-19, deep-cleaning procedures will be enacted per CDC guidelines, and the Bank will ensure areas in which the employee worked are cleaned thoroughly.

#### OSHA RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING

Eastern Michigan Bank will adhere to OSHA-mandated requirements as they relate to recording and reporting certain work-related injuries and illnesses. An employee may contact Human Resources over any concerns of unsafe working conditions.

# **QUESTIONS**

If employees have any questions regarding the content of this action plan, they should speak with their supervisor or Human Resources. Although the strategies highlighted in this document are intended to protect workers from COVID-19, this document is not all-inclusive and will be updated to best reflect the current health situation. We will strive to follow CDC guidance at all times.

See Department Specific Plans for more detailed guidelines for the Retail Centers.