



## 2020 Novel Coronavirus Update

Concerns centered on Coronavirus are very much on our minds, especially as we work with the traveling public and provide cleaning and maintenance on our aircraft. Members of the IAM Joint Air Transport Safety Committee have been very involved in these issues that concern the varied jobs that our members perform.

We have participated in conference calls with our respective airlines that have included the Medical, Safety, Emergency Preparedness and operating departments to discuss the adequacy of current policies and procedures.

JATSC members have also been very involved in a number of conference calls with other aviation union affiliates of the AFL-CIO's Transportation Trades Department along with principles and senior officials from agencies charged with aviation safety, health and security about a coordinated response to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak.

JATSC members will continue to participate in these discussions, providing input concerning our member's protections.

As this issue continues to unfold we will likely learn more about this virus and how to effectively protect ourselves, but there are some basic precautions that you should take:

- Know and understand your company's policy on protection from the virus and follow the policies. Don't take short cuts.
- Good personal hygiene is also very important. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water. Use of hand sanitizers (60% or more of alcohol) can be used when water is not readily available. It is always a good idea to wash your hands as soon as water is available for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Use the proper disinfectant that is approved for use on the aircraft or ground facilities and follow the directions as most disinfectants require a dwell time on the surfaces to be effective prior to wiping off.

Your employer has probably provided bulletins and other alerts concerning the Coronavirus. The CDC (Center for Disease Control), OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) all have a lot of current info on the virus as well. Take a few moments to review:

[U.S. Department of Labor/Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\) 2019 Novel Coronavirus Webpage](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) 2019 Novel Coronavirus Webpage](#)

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