“GHC3 is a prominent force in the battle against COVID-19.”

-Steve Harvey
Quarantine orders, stay-at-home directives and extreme physical (social) distancing were necessary to “flatten the curve” and conserve resources of healthcare systems. As communities transition to reopening, businesses and schools should adopt safety measures that will reduce the transmission of COVID-19 while we await vaccines and more effective treatments.

All workplaces and community gatherings are not equal. There are different considerations for a manufacturing plant versus an office building versus hair salons versus sports arenas. COVID-19 safety measures in the workplace fall into two broad priorities.

1) Minimize transmission
   • Reduce the potential for an infected person to transmit virus
   • Reduce the potential for a non-immune person (especially a person with underlying risk factors) to become exposed/infected with the virus

2) Fine tune the approach
   • Make assessments and provide information that enable employers and employees to understand which measures are effective and which ones should be adjusted or adapted
   • Enable employers and employees to understand the evolving degree of risk of transmission
   • Provide supportive, safe, secure, and comfortable environments - mMaximize physical and emotional health

A variety of measures should be considered for gatherings of multiple people. These are categorized under environmental interventions and monitoring.

**Face Masks or Coverings** - Many companies have adapted this already.


**Sanitizing Surfaces** - CDC and EPA released guidance for sanitizing workplaces, schools, and homes.


**Hand Washing and Hygiene** - CDC guidance on disease prevention encourages hand washing.
Controlling Access and Maintaining Physical Distancing - Many companies have adapted social distancing into their operations.

Monitoring Physical Health - Taking temperatures, providing telehealth, strict exclusion of acutely ill people in the workplace, and daily health checks

Viral and Antibody Testing - Testing recommendations vary by State

Optimizing Telework/Remote Work Policies - Utilize phone calls or video conferencing instead of in-person meetings

Wellness and Emotional Health Programs - Implement a centralized COVID-19 support program for employee questions or concerns about health or work-related problems due to COVID-19