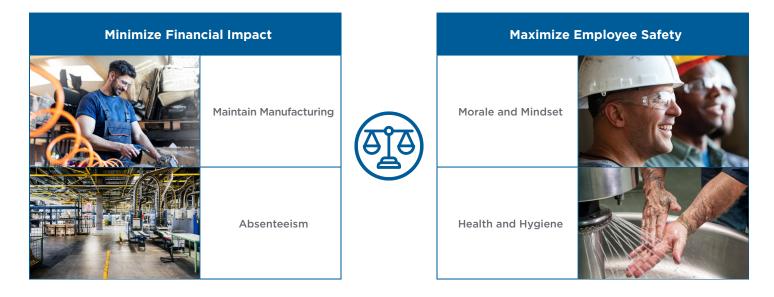


# Manufacturers Face a New Challenge: Balancing Safety With Maintaining Operations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we view employee safety within manufacturing facilities. Moving forward, **the industrial segment must seek to balance financial impact with employee safety.** 



#### **BUSINESS IMPACT**

# Sizing Up Opportunity Areas and Taking Action.

By investing a new way of operating post COVID-19, industrial manufacturers can maintain the right balance of helping employees feel confident and safe while maintain manufacturing productivity. Consider these priorities:

- Hand Hygiene: increase focus on proper hand hygiene, provide additional opportunities for hand washing and sanitizing.
- Workspace sanitizing: can help reduce cross-contamination by increasing surface sanitizing frequency and promoting personal wiping.
- **Employee peace of mind:** increase awareness of sanitizing and hygiene efforts.





#### **OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD**

# You need solutions. GP PRO can help.

At such a challenging time, it's important to know you're not alone. Your GP PRO team stands ready to consult and strategize with you. Take a look at several hygiene-forward solutions that may help you protect patrons and employees:

### Hand Hygiene: Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Plant Floor



#### Your hygiene advantage:

- Due to Increased soap and sanitizer usage; install high-capacity skincare and paper towel dispensers.
- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing can cause hand dryness; provide dermatologist-tested skincare formulations with moisturizers and emollients.
- OSHA recommends cleaning visibly dirty hands prior to sanitizing; make grit soaps and pre-moistened hand towels readily available.
- Employees will seek additional hand hygiene opportunities; provide added hand sanitizer dispensers at common touchpoints such as vending machine.

#### Cross-contamination: Plant Floor, Loading Dock, Breakroom, Cafeteria



#### Your hygiene advantage:

- Reusable rags and shop towels can be contaminated with hazardous metals and other residual materials<sup>1</sup>; provide disposable wipers and towels.
- Employee concerns about shared resources like trucks and tools; provide sanitizing wipes for workers in key areas.
- Exposed cutlery and reusable dishware may spread germs; provide disposable plates, cups and wrapped cutlery.

#### **Employee Concerns: Across Facility**



#### Your hygiene advantage:

- Increased desire to sanitize hands; provide additional hand sanitizer dispensers.
- Worries about frequently touched hotspots and proximity to other employees; install physical barriers and incorporate touchless solutions.
- Many employees work in multiple areas within facility; provide sanitizing wipes for workers on-the-go.
- Confusion around handwashing and sanitizing frequency and protocol; place visible educational signage in key areas across facility

<sup>1</sup>Gradient Corporation, "Evaluation of Potential Exposure to Metals in Laundered Shop Towels," 2003, 2014

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## One Source, Countless Benefits

Manufacturers looking to save time and money, and reduce complexity, can consolidate solutions with GP PRO:

- One source for sales support
- One common look
- One key for all dispensers
- One installation process

# **Support for Success**

As you take next steps, we encourage you to reference one of these useful guides to assist in your planning:

- <u>Guidance on Preparing</u> <u>Workplaces for COVID-19</u> (OSHA/CDC)
- <u>Industrial Hygiene</u> <u>Checklist (</u>GP PRO)

Here's to helping you develop a safer, more hygienic operation! Please contact your GP PRO representative for additional support and assistance.



