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**Dear Fairfax Water Contractor or Vendor:**

Please be advised that, effective on September 8, 2021, the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry made effective 16VAC25-220, the Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19 (the “Final Permanent Standard”). If you are receiving this notice, you are a current Fairfax Water contractor or vendor with staff working in one or more Fairfax Water facilities or project sites. As such, Fairfax Water is required to provide information to you and instructions regarding compliance with the requirements of the VOSH Standard.

Fairfax Waters requires all contractors and vendors with staff working in one or more Fairfax Water facility or project sites to train and instruct their staff to practice the minimally prescribed transmission prevention measures listed below developed in accordance with the VOSH Standard and Fairfax Water’s COVID-19 Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan. Contractors and Vendors must follow whichever standard or requirement is more stringent (VOSH Standard, Fairfax Water Requirements, or the companies own internal COVID-19 policies and procedures). Contractors and vendors shall be in compliance with 16VAC25-220-40, mandatory requirements for all employers.

**Transmission Prevention Measures**

- Fairfax Water expects all contractor and vendor staff working in one or more Fairfax Water facilities or project sites to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet when achievable by deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness.
- All personnel must wear face coverings at Fairfax Water regardless of the environment when six feet of separation cannot be maintained.

- Contractors and vendors shall provide, and employees shall wear, appropriate personal protective equipment for the exposure risk level as assessed by the contractor/vendor while working in Fairfax Water facilities or on project sites.
- All personnel must practice frequent hand washing with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds.
- All personnel must cover their mouth and nose with a tissue, handkerchief, cloth towel, elbow, etc. whenever sneezing or coughing.
- All personnel must avoid the use of other workers' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible.
- All personnel must be trained and instructed to recognize and to continually self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.
- All personnel must be trained and instructed not to enter a Fairfax Water facility or project site if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- All personnel working within a Fairfax Water facility or project site who develop COVID-19 symptoms must notify their supervisor and leave the site immediately.

### **Notice to Fairfax Water of Positive COVID-19 Tests at Fairfax Water Facilities**

Contractors and vendors must:

Report to Fairfax Water within 24 hours if an employee of the contractor or vendor, who was present at a Fairfax Water facility or project site, tests positive for COVID-19. All reports must be made via email to the Fairfax Water Manager, Security and Safety at [ghoke@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:ghoke@fairfaxwater.org).

### **Adherence to COVID-19 Rules**

Fairfax Water contractors and vendors are expected to comply in all respects with the VOSH Standard and the transmission prevention measures listed above. Contractors and vendors are responsible for ensuring that their employees and subcontractors comply with all the foregoing requirements.