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As auto dealerships work to re-open and transition business to full operations, there remains a lot of unknowns that will create unique challenges and complexities for your business. Defining a successful path to recovery will require a well thought out plan, and in most instances, the plan will need to be customized to your operations. USI has developed this step-by-step guide to assist auto dealerships and other businesses in the development of their plans, policies, and protocols, supporting you during your recovery process.

**Prepare for Return:**

**STEP 1 - Pre-Return Planning Phase**

- Determine state & local reopening requirements
- Consider changes to business model to accommodate current situation
- Review personnel policies as needed, such as sick / leave policy

**USI Tools & Solutions**

- USI - Returning to Work in the CV-19 Environment
- Sample Return to Work Action Plan

**Assess the Risk:**

**STEP 2 - Conduct Risk Assessment**

- Identify potential hazards and risks to employees, patrons, vendors and the general public.
- Evaluate potential physical changes to minimize risks, such as barriers
- Evaluate procedures that could minimize risk, such as cleaning / disinfection protocols, changes to staffing levels or workstations to facilitate social distancing

**USI Tools & Solutions**

- COVID-19 Business Reopening Administrative Guidelines Checklist
- COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines Checklist for Facilities
- OSHA 3990 - Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
Prepare the Workforce:

**STEP 3 - Reduce Transmission Among Employees**

- Communicate about change
- Implement or modify procedures
- Educate and train employees

**USI Tools & Solutions**

- COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines Checklist for the Protection of Employees & Guests
- COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines Checklist for Office Work
- COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines Checklist for Worker Training Requirements
- Employee Health Screening Questionnaire

Prepare the Workspace:

**STEP 4 - Getting Your Workspace Ready**

- Obtain necessary equipment & supplies
- Implement controls to ensure physical distancing at the workplace
- Display required COVID communications & posters in your workplaces
- Make sure your workplaces are clean and hygienic
- Promote good respiratory hygiene in the workplace

**USI Tools & Solutions**

- COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines Checklist for Facilities
- CDC Guidance on Disinfection
- OSHA 3990 - Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
Manage a Physical Distancing Environment:

**STEP 5 - Create & Maintain Physical Distancing**

- Install Physical Barriers or Arrange Workspaces to Accommodate Physical Distancing
- Avoid Groups and Gathering & Stagger Work Shifts Where Feasible
- Avoid Worker Rotation Where Possible

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- COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines Checklist for Facilities
- CDC Guidance on Disinfection

Implement Phased Reopening:

**STEP 6 - Reopening**

- Implement Controls to Ensure Physical Distancing at the Workplace
- Install Physical Barriers or Arrange Workspaces to Accommodate Physical Distancing
- Avoid Groups and Gathering & Stagger Work Shifts Where Feasible
- Avoid Worker Rotation Where Possible

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- COVID-19 Reopening Guidelines Checklist for Facilities
- CDC Guidance on Disinfection
Prepare to Adapt:

**STEP 7 - Adjust & Respond Accordingly**

- Stay updated on the latest CDC COVID information, guidance, and recommendations
- Stay updated on the latest CDC COVID guidance from State & Local Agencies
- Communicate often with your insurance broker & carriers

USI Tools & Solutions

- USI.com - Public Health Emergencies
- CDC COVID-19 Resources

Other Resources:

- CDC COVID-19 Resources
- CDC Print Resources
- NFPA Guidance for Maintaining Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems
- EPA’s Registered Antimicrobial Products for Use Against Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the Cause of COVID-19
- Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities
- WHO Guidance for the Accommodation Industry
- Cyber Update – Cyber Exposures & the COVID-19 Quarantine
- OSHA Coronavirus Compliance Bulletin

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