

# ***Cornerstone Home Inspection Services, LLC***

Sleepy Eye, MN

Practical Guidelines for Dealing with the Corona Virus as House Inspectors  
(based on InterNACHI's COVID-19 Course)

## **Before the inspection**

- Most home inspectors will likely fall in the lower exposure risk (caution) or medium exposure risk levels.
  - Lower exposure risk (caution) jobs are those that do not require contact with people known to be, or suspected of being, infected with SARS-CoV-2 nor frequent close contact with (i.e., within 6 feet of) the general public.
  - Home inspectors in this category may have minimal occupational contact with the general public and other coworkers.
- If you are sick, stay home.
- If you are not sick, you generally do not need to wear a mask.
- Home inspectors should not be working in environments that require respirators. Again, home inspectors should not be near (within 6 feet of) anyone who is known to be, or suspected of being, infected with SARS-CoV-2. Home inspectors should not be putting themselves or others at risk.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes of at least 60% alcohol
- Restrict the number of people at the property and house being inspected.
- Ask the homeowner and occupants to leave the home prior to the inspection. If someone feels compelled to be at the house, ask them to stay outside or in their vehicle.
- Ask the real estate agents to not enter the home while you are inspecting.

## **During the inspection**

- Consider recording a video of the inspection for the client.
- Utilize FaceTime or other live video chat.
- Maintain regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces, equipment, and other elements of the work environment. Home inspectors shouldn't be expected to clean houses, but a home inspector may wipe down certain surfaces prior to inspecting or using them. For example, a wiped and cleaned kitchen counter may be safely used for an inspector's computer equipment.
- If a home inspector feels sick, go home. Apologize and excuse yourself. Grab your computer, equipment and tools. Leave the house immediately. Go to your inspection vehicle. Call someone to notify them and ask for assistance.
- If a home inspector suspects someone of having a sickness or symptoms of COVID-19, feel free to protect yourself and leave the house being inspected.

## **After the inspection**

- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes of at least 60% alcohol