



Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant COVID-19 Response

The Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP), located at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) near Richmond, Kentucky, is destroying the chemical weapons stockpile stored at the depot. The team has focused on the safety of the workforce and the public during the coronavirus pandemic, working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to minimize risks to the workforce and local community.



BGCAPP Site-Specific COVID-19 Prevention Efforts

The following safety measures have been established at BGCAPP to reduce the risk to the workforce.

- Per a Department of Defense directive on July 28, 2021, in areas of substantial or high community transmission rates, all staff and visitors must wear a face mask, regardless of the person's vaccination status.
- Effective Aug. 2, 2021, all BGCAPP personnel must wear a face mask when inside any building and while operating or riding in any government-owned vehicles. This includes wearing a mask at all times whether in an office, a cubicle or conference room.
- Continued the use of face coverings for unvaccinated personnel that cover the mouth and nose indoors and the use of face coverings outdoors when social distancing is not possible.
- Instituted daily health self-screening for employees at the plant and provided on-site screening.
- Established a COVID-19 hotline for employees.
- Provided access to a physician and nursing staff at an on-site medical facility.
- Established an internal contact tracing team.
- Provided sanitizing stations around the plant and encourage frequent handwashing.
- Encouraged use of teleconferencing and videoconferencing.
- Encouraged physical distancing and occupancy restrictions in conference rooms.
- Provided community stakeholders with project updates through online meetings.
- Continued public participation in the permitting process via electronic means.
- Implemented CDC recommendations with posted health and safety reminders.

BGCAPP will continue to monitor local conditions and consult with appropriate officials and make necessary adjustments to pandemic response and prevention efforts.

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