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Good Morning FM Team,

I want to share a reminder from FM's Training & Development Coordinator, Mike Broadbent. Lately our focus as a society and workforce has been on mitigating COVID-19 concerns while performing our jobs. It is crucial that we also pay attention to our normal workplace safety concerns, and continue to do those important tasks that require a second set of eyes or hands. Please remember: a confined space should never be entered without a second person acting as your attendant. The air in the space still needs to be checked with a monitor and someone needs to watch the entrance. Your work partner is responsible for preventing outside danger and keeping in communication with you while you are in the confined space. Even though we must consistently pay attention to our COVID-19 exposure, employees need to protect themselves and others from every day common work hazards such as slips, trips, and falls; getting too close to electrical power sources; entering dangerous areas while unattended; and carrying items that are too heavy for a single person.

Our approach as a department is to communicate these situations within our individual teams and come up with solutions that are best for everyone. We encourage each team to take time, whenever possible, to review safety issues that your teammates run into. FM has a great history of looking out for each other, represented by our FM Value of Caring. Now more than ever is the time to remember that despite the increased vigilance against COVID-19, it is our responsibility to keep focused on protecting ourselves from normal daily hazards. If you need help coming up with safety items or toolbox talks, please visit weeklysafety.com and contact Mike (mike.broadbent@colostate.edu) for login information. We maintain a membership as a department, which includes access to daily safety talks, checklists, articles, and more. Other resources can be obtained from <http://www.ehs.colostate.edu/>. Stay Safe and Healthy!

Thank you,



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