

Sharing tools could spread COVID-19 (coronavirus) so tool hygiene is as important as personal hygiene. The following protocols are recommended:

## TWO KEY STEPS



Use hand sanitizer or wash your hands for 20 seconds before & after using tools.



After use, clean tools using the appropriate method described in the "Cleaning Options" section.

# INDIVIDUAL HYGIENE AND PPE WHILE CLEANING TOOLS



## Eye/Face Protection

If splashes are likely to occur, wear goggles or face shield.



#### Skin Protection

Wear rubber or neoprene gloves, and protective clothing such as a long-sleeved shirt.



### Respiratory Protection

Follow proper safety protocols for wearing respirators.

# **CLEANING OPTIONS**

#### *Mild Soap & Diluted Bleach Solution* This *is not* recommended for batteries.

- 1. A properly diluted bleach solution can be made by mixing 1/3 cup (80ml) bleach into 1 gallon (3.8 liters) of water.
- 2. Clean tool surfaces with mild soap and water to remove dirt and grease.
- 3. Dip a clean cloth into the diluted bleach solution.
- 4. Wring out the cloth so it is not dripping wet.
- 5. Gently wipe each handle, grasping surfaces, and outer surfaces with the cloth, using care to ensure liquids do not flow into the tool.
- 6. No other cleaning material should be used as the diluted bleach solution should never be mixed with ammonia or any other cleanser.
- 7. Allow the tool to dry naturally.
- 8. Do not touch your face during this process, and immediately wash your hands after this process.

#### Mild Soap & Rest This is recommended for batteries.

The battery can be cleaned with mild soap and a damp cloth, and then left to rest for 3 or more days at room temperature—longer if the temperatures are cooler. Studies suggest that the virus is not harmful after 3 days at room temperature, but it might take up to 9 days in cooler or damper environments.

## HYGIENE MEASURES

- Handle tools in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practices.
- · Wash hands after direct contact.
- Do not wear product-contaminated clothing for prolonged periods.
- · Remove and wash contaminated clothing before re-use.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke when using any cleaning product.