

CORONAVIRUS **OUTBREAK**

Extra steps: Additional Preventive Measures Being Taken by PFM

Public Facilities Management employees and the Franklin County administration value the health and safety of county workers and visitors to county facilities.

That is why PFM has instituted additional measures to guard against the coronavirus/COVID-19. Since the discovery of the virus in the United States, PFM has been closely working with Franklin County Public Health officials to ensure that the recommended cleaning practices are being utilized.

One enhancement being instituted is to increase the number of cleanings within high-traffic areas. We are now cleaning commonly touched areas like elevator buttons, hand

rails, door knobs and other locations several times a day. We added fliers to bulletin boards and restrooms to provide ways in which employees can help stop the spread of germs. **In addition, PFM approved overtime for cleaning staff and contractors so that a deeper cleaning process can also be done on nights and weekends.**

We want you to know that these and other steps are implemented to provide the healthiest working environment possible. We looked at all areas of cleaning, including a review of our bathroom soap, to ensure it met safety recommendations. (At this point, the Centers for Disease Control are not recommending any particular brands or types of soaps. Instead, they say it is more important for everyone to effectively wash their hands for 20 seconds.)

We recognize these are unprecedented times where new information is available constantly, and that some of the information changes by the minute. Please know that we will continue to monitor the federal government's and Franklin County Public Health's guidance on combating this virus and we will pass this information along to you. Finally, we have also included a new flier released by Franklin County Public Health. It provides guidance for employees on hygiene as well as when to stay home.

We appreciate your help in fighting this pandemic together.