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To Customers of the Dodge Company:

We've had numerous inquiries regarding the handling of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and want to address everyone's concerns as best we can.

Universal Precautions and Personal Protective Equipment should always be used, regardless of the situation.

The CDC has released a guide to postmortem care to be "utilized by medical examiners, coroners, pathologists, other workers involved in the postmortem care of deceased PUI, and local and state health departments." We encourage you to read this information. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-postmortem-specimens.html>

Embalming:

Dodge suggests at least a 5% formaldehyde solution for your arterial embalming. To calculate a 5% solution, use the Dodge Arterial Solution calculator which can be downloaded at: dodgeco.com/apps

You select which Dodge arterial(s) you would like to use, the desired concentration percentage and the total volume of solution you want to mix, and the Arterial Solution Calculator will tell you how much arterial is needed.

<https://www.memphis.edu/ehs/pdfs/disinfectant.pdf>

Formalin is a 37% solution of formaldehyde gas in water. Diluted to 5% formaldehyde it is an effective disinfectant; at 0.2% - 0.4% it can inactivate bacteria and viruses. Unlike chlorine, formalin does not corrode stainless steel. It has a pungent, irritating odor; exposures must be limited due to its toxicity and carcinogenicity.

Disinfection - Body:

For purposes of topical disinfection of a deceased person (skin surfaces), Dis-Spray meets the level of alcohol percentage recommended by the CDC of 60% to be effective on skin. Dis-Spray is over 70% isopropyl alcohol. Dis-Spray should NOT be used on

living tissue. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fabout%2Fprevention-treatment.html

CDC also mentions that environmental surfaces should be disinfected with either an EPA registered disinfectant or an alcohol-based disinfectant of 70% or above alcohol percentage. Again, Dis-Spray is over 70% isopropyl alcohol.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

Disinfection - Surfaces:

Fresh Breeze TB (EPA Registration 1839-83-8325) and Solucide (1839-83-15136) fall under the EPA registrations for COVID-19 for disinfection.

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/sars-cov-2-list_03-03-2020.pdf

Masks and Hand Sanitizer:

We have an ample supply of N-95 masks, various PPE items and hand sanitizer. Currently, Dodge is out of stock on R-95 masks.

N95 Masks: (link updated 4.3.2020)

Visit FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies> to find the Emergency Management Agencies in each state. This is where FEMA allocates N95 Healthcare respirators that are available and those being manufactured. If someone is requisitioning N95 masks, this is the organization they need to contact.

Additional Information on the N-95 mask:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NIOSH_air_filtration_rating

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/personal-protective-equipment-infection-control/n95-respirators-and-surgical-masks-face-masks>