

SONOCO *Near Miss!*



Date: January 25, 2021

Activity: Safe Travel to Hotel/Heliport

What Happened:

One of our drivers was at a hotel recently for a customer. She was dropping off two SONOCO employees for testing (they were seated correctly as shown below and wearing masks).

As they were getting out of the van, they saw another van arrive and drop off 5 people; only 2 were wearing masks. As our team approached the lobby door to form a line, the other crew clustered together. To avoid possible contact, our team avoided the group by stepping back and allowing them to enter first. They distanced and waited. Had they not, they ran a risk of being exposed to COVID should any of them be infected.

Why it Happened:

- Non-compliance by other employees
- Poor supervision to ensure compliance with safe guidelines

Typical Hazards/Causes:

- Possible exposure to COVID-19

Corrective Actions:

- None were needed. The crew did a great job avoiding contact and using proper distancing and mask use. They were also correct to report their concerns.
- We encourage all our employees to be proactive in using correct practices for COVID safety.
- If a SONOCO employee doesn't follow our protocols, you are doing the right thing to report it. You are helping the entire team to stay safe from one irresponsible person.

SONOCO Van Seating (pre-testing on way to hotel)

