Purpose:
These are the minimum requirements for College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) farm staff who are required to use powered farm equipment and agricultural production implements during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Training Requirements:
- EHS - 2347 Personal Protective Equipment General
- CALS OEH Tractor Safety training

Procedure Instruction:

1. Prior to use of powered farm equipment w & w/o cab:
   a. Assemble the minimum amount of equipment and tooling to complete the task. Minimum required equipment;
      i. Bucket or other non-porous carrier to carry supplies
      ii. Appropriate PPE (multiple pairs of nitrile gloves, safety glasses, appropriate face mask)
      iii. A full spray bottle and/or container of wipes with EPA-registered disinfectant.
      iv. Trash bag(s)
      v. Hand sanitizer with greater than 60% alcohol
      Place carrier with EPA-registered disinfectant, trash bag(s), and hand sanitizer in appropriate area near driver

2. After use of powered farm equipment w & w/o cab:
   a. Don PPE (nitrile gloves, safety glasses) prior to cleaning interior surfaces
      i. Using spray bottle of EPA-registered disinfectant or disinfectant wipes, apply solution to all surfaces that may have been touched during use of tractor
      ii. Surfaces being disinfected should stay wet for the required minimum dwell time from the manufacturer.
   b. Exterior of tractor doff the PPE, as PPE is being doffed place disposable PPE in garbage bag.
      Doffing procedure:
      i. Doff nitrile gloves first
      ii. Sanitize hands with hand sanitizer immediately following
      iii. Doff safety glasses
      iv. Sanitize safety glasses with disinfectant
      v. Apply hand sanitizer.
      vi. Wash hands with soap/water for minimum of 20 seconds when wash facilities are available
   c. Seal-up and dispose of garbage bag
   d. Immediately disinfect hands with hand sanitizer.
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   e. If tractor is without a cab, then carrier should be brought back to facility.
   f. When entering back into occupied facility don appropriate face mask when social distancing (greater than 6ft) cannot be met.

3. Use of manned planting implement
   a. Maintain social distance (greater than 6 feet) when leaving facility
i. If social distance cannot be maintained, staff shall don facemasks

b. When manned planting implement is used, staff sit side-by-side on the rear of the implement

i. Prior to riding on implement staff shall don PPE (facemasks) as well as any other required PPE when using this implement.

ii. Completion of planting

1. Tractor operator shall disinfect tractor operator area first following steps in 2(a).i & ii then proceed to planter unit while still wearing PPE.

2. Cleaning of tractor and implement complete by following steps 2(b - f).

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