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Temperature screening stations, including this one near the 50th Street gate, are set up outside of seven entry gates.

Temperature Screenings Begin at Gates

Shipbuilders experienced two workplace changes, temperature screenings and a new standard shift schedule on May 4. The changes are a strategy to help keep shipbuilders safe from the spread of COVID-19.

Newport News Shipbuilding installed temperature scanning tents at seven entry gates, where individuals receive a temperature reading prior to entry into the shipyard. Workers must have a temperature below 100 degrees Fahrenheit to enter the shipyard.

“Conducting the temperature scans is another way to ensure that we’re not allowing symptomatic people to come into the shipyard,” said **Beth Silsdorf**, NNS’ Crisis Action Group (CAG) director. “This reassures our employees that we’re doing all we can to help keep them safe from COVID-19.”

ASSA Prepares Care Packages

The Apprentice School Student Association prepared over 200 care packages for Operation Gratitude – a nonprofit that sends care packages to deployed service members and their families, new recruits, veterans and caretakers, and first responders – in April.

The ASSA set up an assembly line in The Apprentice School gym to prepare the packages while practicing social distancing and wearing masks and gloves.

Alma Cochran (X33C), from left, Nahkeya Spencer (X32), Johnathan Walker (X36) and Taelor Janney (O43E) pause to take a photo.



The CAG used the 50th Street gate as a stress test demonstration on May 1. The temperature scanning demonstration gave the group an opportunity to evaluate processes before the go-live date. The group reminded individuals to wear face masks before entering the temperature scanning tents. “The face mask is now required PPE,” said **Luke Alley**, CAG objective leader for minimized risk to NNS employees. “We expect individuals to have them on.”

Eileen Sistare is an apprentice currently on safety rotation who uses 50th Street gate. She said the shipyard is trying to minimize risk. “It’s important that everyone works together to keep each other safe,” she said. “We need to be here every day because we all need each other to work cohesively to build ships.”

The new standard shift, which changes from three to two shifts will balance the number of employees working at one time, which enhances social distancing efforts. Cleaning high-traffic and high touch-point areas will take place between shifts. Employees are responsible for cleaning their personal work areas at the beginning and end of both shifts.

“Everyone has a personal responsibility to prevent the spread of this disease,” Silsdorf said. “Before you leave home, look in the mirror and ask, what can I be doing better to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

Watch a video on MyNNS or visit nns.huntingtoningalls.com/411 to learn more.

MASKS ARE MANDATORY

Masks are mandatory for everyone entering Newport News Shipbuilding. Individuals should be wearing their mask before getting into the temperature screening line. Those without a mask will be denied entry into the shipyard beginning, Friday, May 8. NNS will still have masks available for employees in industrial vending machines and toolrooms.

Progress Continues on CVN 73

Shipbuilders and Navy personnel continue to work together to complete and test air conditioning plants on USS *George Washington* (CVN 73).

The team completed air conditioning aft and air conditioning mid-ship milestones in October 2019 and in March, respectively. The progress pushes the aircraft carrier's refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) closer to crew move-aboard and equipment retrofitting.

"There's a tremendous amount of coordination required to bring these systems back to life involving all our trades, government contractors and ship's force," said **Steve Barefoot**, a superintendent assigned to the job. "An additional challenge we experience is we have new parts, repaired parts, and 25-year-old existing parts that have been sitting idle for years in all these systems that must integrate together."

Despite the challenges, Construction Supervisor **Larry Alger** said shipbuilders remain focused on delivering a quality product to the Navy.

"Restoring chill water throughout the ship is a major step toward making the ship operational and habitable," said Lt. Cmdr. Jason Schrimp, an auxiliary officer aboard CVN 73. "Also, restoring the shipboard computer network, as well as all other electronic equipment, relies on cold air provided by the air conditioning system to be operational."

Barefoot said the remaining air conditioning plants have a tremendous amount of growth work that the team is fighting its way through. "We are very close to completion on several of these plants," he said. "We have to stay focused and continue first-time quality that NNS is known for."

The air conditioning plants will support the ship and sailors for the next 25 years.

Allocation of Direct and Indirect Costs

Cost Accounting Standard 418 provides the criteria for the accumulation of indirect costs, including service center and overhead costs, in indirect cost pools. It also includes guidance relating to the selection of allocation measures based on the beneficial or causal relationship between an indirect cost pool and cost objectives. Newport News Shipbuilding generally uses department designation to assign indirect costs to the appropriate cost pools. For this reason, it is important to understand when it is appropriate to charge time on loan to another department.

Time should only be charged as "loan to" a department when associated with activities or functions that are typically performed by that department. The availability or lack of budget does not determine the appropriate "loan to" department for any charge. For assistance in determining the correct way to charge, contact the Government Financial Relations Department (O74).



Crew Recognizes Foreman

A team of X36 riggers and X10 management recently recognized X36 Foreman **William Watson III** for his engaged leadership and focus on safety and quality.

Watson, who leads the X36 Lifting Pad crew and a crane crew, "goes above and beyond" for his team, with an open door for any shipyard or non-shipyard

issues, according to **James Coles III** (X36). Watson also regularly recognizes members of his team for their outstanding work. "Our group presented him a plaque for his outstanding leadership, engagement and efforts to make his crew one of the top in the shipyard," Coles said.

Election Day is May 19

On Tuesday, May 19, several cities and towns in eastern Virginia will hold local elections. As always, Newport News Shipbuilding employees are encouraged to make their voices heard through voting.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, shipbuilders are encouraged

to vote by absentee ballot. Mailed absentee ballots can be requested until May 12. Absentee ballots can be cast in person at the local voter registrar's office until May 16. To learn if there are local elections in your community and get information on voting absentee, visit www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal.



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

As we celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, take time to not only recognize the great achievements and innovations of Asian Pacific Americans throughout our nation's history, but also their significant impact on the success of Newport News Shipbuilding.

Look for posters across NNS during the month. Additional coverage is available in the Inclusion and Diversity section of the NNS to Go app.