

# USING TELEMATICS TECHNOLOGY FOR *Social Distancing*

In the warehouse and manufacturing environment, powered industrial vehicles (e.g. Forklifts) are a key connection point between workers, cargo, and downstream customers.

**During this critical time with COVID-19, there are many ways you can leverage your vehicle telematics to enhance worker social distancing, improve your cleaning and disinfecting processes, and also be better prepared to take remediation actions upon identifying if a driver has come down with the virus.**

Please contact a PowerFleet representative to learn more about these techniques and technology. We would be happy to provide you with a quick demonstration on how you can put these technologies to use to make your facilities a safer place during this virus outbreak.

## CHAIN OF VEHICLE CUSTODY/USE

Without vehicle telematics equipment, it would be hard to accurately know over time what vehicles were used and by whom. With it, operators must log in with an RFID badge that authorizes them on that equipment, thus creating a record of that association to the equipment. In the event of an operator contracting COVID-19, you can quickly determine with 100% accurate what equipment that employee has used—and who else may have used it and the prior history.

## DIGITIZATION OF RECORDS

At a minimum an operator must complete a paper checklist at the end of a shift. PowerFleet's solutions automate these checklist and other vital reporting data via the telematics equipment. In the event of an OSHA audit, there is no need to have employees gather paperwork etc.

## KEYLESS IGNITION

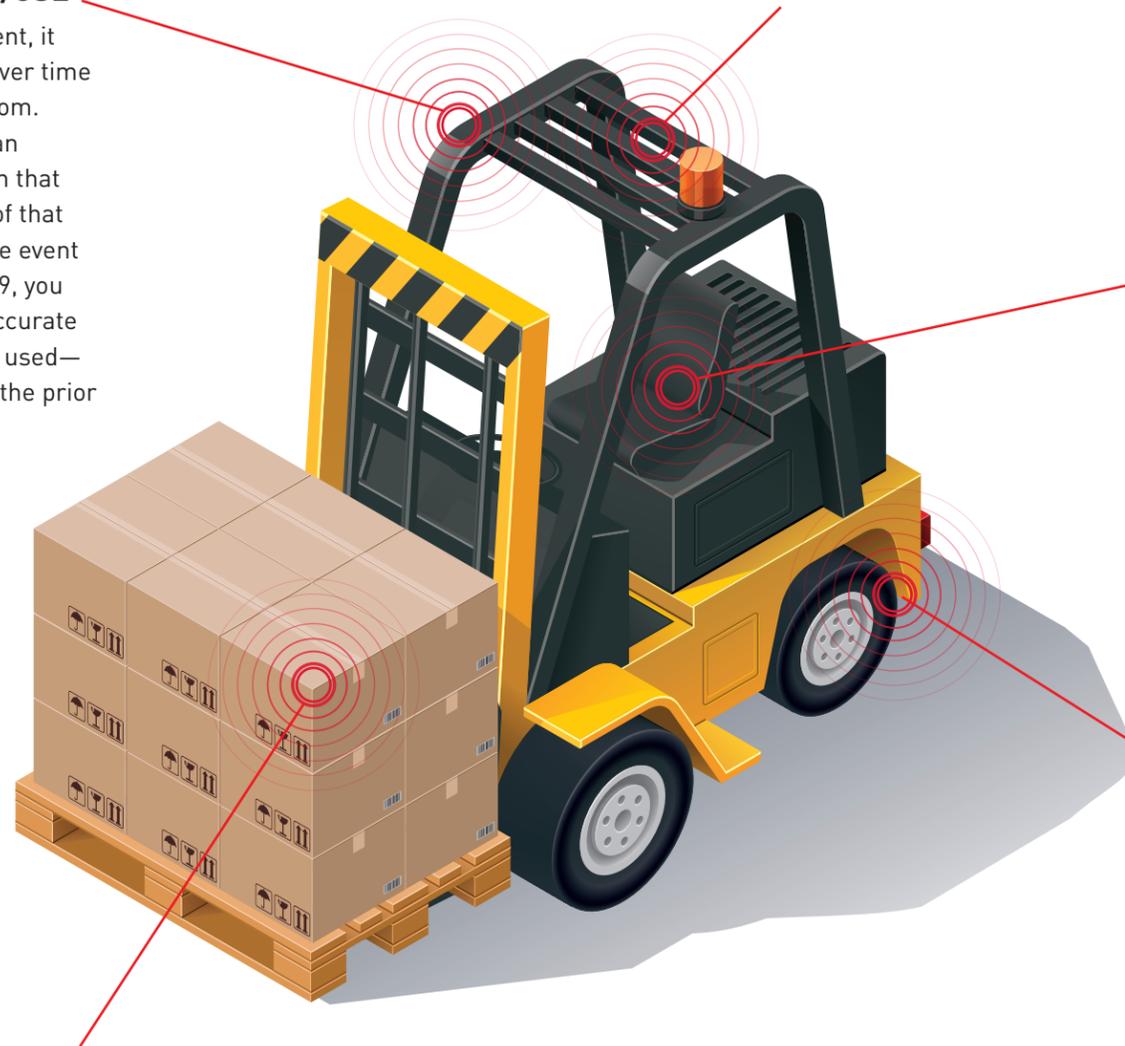
A keyless ignition system that only allows authorized users to start the vehicle removes hand to hand transmission of a physical key. It also maintains an electronic record of who drove the vehicle and when for traceability purposes.

## DIRECT MESSAGING

Management can set up regular (i.e. timed) or specific (ad hoc) messages to operators and avoid bringing large groups into a room to discuss and roll out a new process or policy. You can push things like new break times and rules, hand washing rules before and after shifts, where and how to handle new rules with equipment after use—(health, cleaning, etc.).

## AUTOMATED SAFETY CHECKLISTS FOR COVID

Built into the PowerFleet solutions are automatic check lists. These remove the need for a paper checklist at the beginning or end of a shift. But, managers can add to these checklists and create additional cleaning and end of shift procedures for their forklift driver. This ensures a level of accountability and responsibility down the to operator themselves on the health of that piece of equipment and its cleanliness.



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