



COVID-19 GUIDANCE: Retail Grocery Stores, Restaurants & Bars

The goals of these actions are to protect the public and employees working at grocery stores and retail settings that provide food during the COVID-19 mitigation phase. The service that employees and delivery staff are providing to ensure Pennsylvanians continue to have access to a safe, reliable food supply is critical during the COVID-19 mitigation phase.

Below we provide guidance for bars, wineries, breweries, pubs, restaurants/cafeterias, food trucks, and grocery stores.

Retail Beverage Service Venues

- Per the Governor's order, all restaurants and bars must close their dine-in facilities to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
- This guidance is not intended to halt the production of beer, wine and spirits.
- Bars, breweries, pubs, and wineries that include meals provided by a full kitchen should follow the restaurant guidance below if they provide carry-out, delivery or drive-through options.

Retail Food Service and Other Related Service Venues Restaurants/Cafeterias

- Restaurants should be closed for in-restaurant seated dining and outdoor seated dining and should be open only to drive-through or other pick-up/delivery options.
- Remind employees of best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection guidance of all hard surfaces, including tables and counter tops that are being utilized by employees and patrons during pickup/delivery options.

Food Trucks

- Increase frequency of cleaning of menus, cash registers, receipt trays, condiment holders, writing instruments and other non-food contact surfaces frequently touched by patrons and employees.
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Grocery Stores

- The food distribution chain is critical to the public's health.
- Grocery stores should remain open and operational but may consider altering hours to allow for increased cleaning and restocking.
- As with other settings, ensure that social distancing of six feet per person for nonfamily members is maintained and make clear that family members can participate in activities together, stand in line together, etc.
- Social distancing of six feet per person, particularly between individuals who have come together on a one-time or rare basis.
- Limit the number of customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance.
- Increase cleaning and sanitizing frequency of restroom and other high contact areas.
- Train employees on best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Additional opportunities throughout the venue for persons to reduce the spread of the virus through hand washing or sanitizing stations.
- Eliminate indoor or outdoor dining areas and samples
- Stores that have online ordering with outside pick-up or delivery options should encourage use of these when possible in lieu of indoor shopping.
 - Send sick employees home.
 - Encourage employees to practice social distancing at home and during off-hours to avoid risk of exposure and remain healthy.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) IN YOUR DAIRY

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What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory condition that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that was first identified in the city of Wuhan, China.

How is COVID-19 spread?

It is likely that the virus that causes COVID-19 emerged from an animal source but is now spreading from person to person. It is believed that the virus spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with each other (within 6 feet) through respiratory droplets that are disseminated when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

It may also be possible for a person to contract COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that is hosting the virus and then touching their mouth, nose or possibly their eyes, although this is not believed to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of coronavirus-2019 at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 experience mild to severe respiratory issues with the following symptoms:

1. Fever
2. Cough
3. Shortness of breath

What are the serious complications caused by this virus?

Some patients contract pneumonia in both lungs and experience multiple organ failure, and some patients have died.

For more information on COVID-19 in Spanish, visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19-es.

What can I do to help protect myself and my coworkers at my dairy?

People can protect themselves from respiratory diseases by taking the following preventive measures every day:

- Avoid close contact with sick people, both on and outside of your dairy.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth if your hands have not been washed.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Wash your hands before you eat after working in the milking parlor or other areas of the dairy.
- Ask the dairy manager or owner to keep the restrooms stocked with disinfectants and soap.
- Always wear milking gloves.
- Constantly change milking gloves.
- When you get home after working in the dairy, always take a shower and wash your work clothes.
- Keep the bathrooms and kitchen area in your workplace clean and disinfected.

If you are sick, to prevent transmitting your respiratory illness to others, do the following:

- Stay home if you're sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable handkerchief when coughing or sneezing, then throw it away.
- Frequently clean and disinfect the objects and surfaces you touch.
- Form emergency plans for your dairy in the event of an illness.

Ask the dairy manager or owner to call the doctor's office if you have severe symptoms.

Is there a vaccine for COVID-19?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infections is to take daily preventive measures, such as avoiding close contact with sick people and washing your hands frequently.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical attention to help relieve symptoms.