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Back to Work Safely: Guidance for Street Vendors and Farmers' Markets

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Overview

Many street and farmers' market vendors, including food trucks, quickly adapted to the stay-at-home or shelter-in-place orders that were implemented at the beginning of the pandemic across the U.S. Depending on the jurisdiction, some vendors were considered essential businesses, while others were closed, granted waivers to reopen, or seasonal businesses that are just now opening again. Some establishments have implemented solutions such as offering ready-to-heat meals that can be finished at home; accepting pre-orders for pickup; offering contactless curbside pickup; organizing drive-through farmers' markets; delivery; and using apps, text, email, or phone calls to manage orders. Some vendors have also expanded their menus beyond prepared foods to include pantry items or other ingredients that customers can prepare at home. However, as stay-at-home restrictions are lifted, there is a need for guidance on reducing the risk of transmission for both street vendor and farmers' market workers and customers. This document is intended to provide guidance and considerations for health and safety measures for a variety of outdoor street vendors, such as food trucks and farmers' markets. While the scope of these guidance documents does not cover workplace testing or vaccination guidance, please refer to state, local, and federal guidance on these topics, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 [testing](#) and [vaccine](#) webpages.

As some restrictions have lifted and continue to be lifted, many uncertainties still remain. Employers and companies are faced with difficult questions that must be addressed as they reopen, resume normal operations, or continue normal operations, such as:

- How can we best protect the health and safety of our employees and customers?
- What communication is needed to keep everyone informed of the preventive steps being taken?

- What steps can we take to minimize the risk of disease transmission?
- What training is needed for our employees?
- What health and safety measures do we need to take regarding new virus variants?
- What do we do if an employee or customer has tested positive for or is suspected to have COVID-19?
- What do we do if an employee or customer is sick or not following guidelines?
- How do we handle high-traffic crowd management throughout the farmers' market or other area, including during peak times?
- How do we deal with cleaning and disinfecting high-contact surfaces, such as payment kiosks, check-in tables, cash registers, tablets, computer keyboards, and door handles, regularly during the day?
- What can on-site vendors do to minimize COVID-19 transmission?

In addition to the questions asked by employers and companies, employees and customers are also thinking of ways that they can protect themselves.

The current scientific evidence indicates that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is spread primarily by airborne transmission, through exposure to respiratory aerosols or droplets in air that carry the virus. These respiratory aerosols and droplets are generated by the human respiratory system during normal activities, including breathing, speaking, shouting, singing, coughing, and sneezing. Exposure to these respiratory droplets in poorly ventilated or crowded indoor spaces is particularly of concern, and infection can occur through exposure to mucus membranes, such as the eyes, nose, and mouth. In addition, while not the primary route of exposure, people may also become infected from touching surfaces contaminated with the virus. It has also been shown that the virus can survive in aerosols for



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hours and on surfaces for days, depending on the type of surface. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC, there is currently no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. Existing food safety requirements are already stringent and reduce the likelihood of foodborne disease transmission. However, measures can be taken to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 from person to person or by contact with potentially contaminated surfaces.

The purpose of this guidance document is to provide clear and actionable steps towards the safe operations of street vendors, food trucks, and farmers' markets through prevention, early detection, and control of COVID-19. This document offers practical guidance for street vendor employers to implement multiple layers of risk mitigation strategies through the hierarchy of controls, a system used to minimize or eliminate exposures to hazards. The hierarchy of controls ranks hazard control approaches in order of most effective to least effective—through the elimination of a hazard, substitution of a hazard, use of engineering controls, use of administrative controls, and correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Specifically, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19, the controls we focus on in this document are engineering controls, such as ventilation; administrative controls, such as physical distancing, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices, and personal hygiene; and PPE, such as gloves and face coverings. Aside from the hierarchy of controls, we also focus on mitigation strategies to use within restrooms, for food preparation areas, and on contact surfaces; employee wellness; training; waste and laundering; and communication. No single mitigation strategy will be sufficient to address COVID-19 health and safety risks; rather, a multilayered risk management approach using controls, which can include vaccines, is recommended to limit the spread of COVID-19.

It is important to continue to monitor the global (World Health Organization or WHO), federal (CDC), state, and local guidelines for changes or updates in recommendations, disinfection strategies, worker protections, and other COVID-19 risk management best practices. It is also important that street vendors and farmers' market workers and employers consistently monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of implemented mitigation strategies and alter their approaches as needed.

Any relaxation or modification of the recommendations herein (e.g., based on employee vaccine status) should be based on and comply with federal, state, and local requirements, as well as best practices.

What should an Employer, Vendor, or Market Manager do to reduce risk for themselves, their employees, and their customers?

Employers are encouraged to continually monitor global (WHO), federal (CDC), state, and local guidelines for changes or updates in recommendations, disinfection strategies, worker protections, and other COVID-19 best management practices. Employers should also consider developing a knowledgeable team to monitor, assess, and implement new strategies as they become available and as knowledge evolves regarding SARS-CoV-2 transmission, vaccines, new virus variants, and other aspects of the virus.

Employers are also encouraged to complete a task-based risk assessment or job hazard analysis to best determine, by job task, where engineering or administrative controls can be implemented to reduce or eliminate virus transmission. Refer to the [OSHA Job Hazard Analysis document](#).

Due to the wide variety of types and sizes of buildings and spaces, it may not be possible for all companies



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or employers to implement all of the following guidelines. However, implementing as many as possible through a multilayered risk management approach can help reduce health risks and risk of transmission.

Ventilation

- Keep heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems operational in all indoor environments, including enclosed trucks, to maintain thermal comfort and maximize outdoor air based on system design.
 - Strive to maintain the relative humidity at 40-60%.
 - Refer to [AIHA's Indoor Environmental Quality document](#).
- If you need assistance on HVAC issues, ask an HVAC professional and see the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers' (ASHRAE) COVID-19 preparedness resources for more information.
 - AIHA occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) science professionals and industrial hygienists are also well-versed in general dilution ventilation. AIHA has a [consultants list](#) of such qualified professionals.
- Consider using portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration units with variable flow control or other ventilation-related engineering controls to accommodate differing room sizes and ventilation needs. Refer to [AIHA's Indoor Environmental Quality document](#) for more information. Consider whether the noise of these units when they are turned on is appropriate for the particular application.
- If fans, such as pedestal fans or hard mounted fans, are used, take steps to minimize air blowing from one person directly at another individual. If fans are disabled or removed, it is important to remain aware of and take steps to prevent [heat hazards](#).

- Be mindful of using portable pedestal fans, as these may contribute to spread of the virus.
- Use natural ventilation by opening windows and doors to increase air flow, if possible.

Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfecting Practices

- Consider developing a standard operating procedure, checklist, or audit system to consistently train employees on enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices or to track when and how cleaning and disinfecting is conducted, including cleaning and disinfection of spaces previously occupied by someone confirmed to have had COVID-19. Refer to [AIHA's guidance document on workplace cleaning for COVID-19](#).
 - Make Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for cleaning and disinfection products available and ensure employees are aware of the hazards of use. Incorporate new hazards into the existing OSHA Hazard Communications Program.
 - Use disposable wipes or rags when available. Ensure reusable rags are maintained, handled, and cleaned per manufacturers' instructions. For more information, see the "Laundering" section below.
 - All items should be allowed to dry thoroughly after cleaning.
 - Establish a disinfection routine and ensure disinfection protocols follow product instructions for application and contact time.
- Select appropriate disinfectants.
 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a list of products that meet EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2, [EPA List N](#).
 - Do not mix different EPA-registered chemicals together. The combination could be toxic by inhalation. Be particularly careful when using any products containing ammonia, sodium hypochlorite (bleach), or hydrogen peroxide.



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- Review product labels and SDS and follow manufacturers' specifications for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Allow for appropriate ventilation during cleaning and disinfecting.
- Follow [FDA guidelines](#) for safe food handling.
- Provide appropriate signage regarding cleaning and disinfecting measures being taken, if needed.
- Ensure any commonly used items and high-touch surfaces (e.g., pens, utensils, non-disposable trays, dishware, and menus) are cleaned and disinfected on a frequent or regular basis and after each use.
 - If paper menus are used, make them single-use only. Consider alternatives like a menu board or phone app. Be sure that the menu board can be read at six feet or greater.
- For markets that use token payment systems, keep redeemed tokens out of circulation for the rest of the day or until they have been thoroughly disinfected.
- Discourage the practice of returning packaging (e.g., egg crates and milk bottles) for later reuse by the vendor, particularly if made from a porous material that cannot be easily cleaned.
- Discontinue reuse of any utensils or containers brought in by customers (e.g., water bottles and coffee mugs). For customers who bring reusable shopping bags, vendors should not bag their products for the customer. Instead, the customer should pick up and bag their own products.
- Any items left by customers should be placed in sealed bags, which should be disinfected and isolated until the customer returns.
- Consider consulting an occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS) science professional or industrial hygiene expert if additional advice is needed. AIHA has a consultants list of such qualified professionals.
- The employer should evaluate the area to determine the most appropriate application method for disinfection. Please refer to [EPA's guidance](#) on use of different methods for application of disinfectants to learn more.
 - Currently, CDC does not recommend fogging, fumigation, or wide-area or electrostatic spraying as a primary method for surface disinfection in most cases. Refer to [CDC's COVID-19 webpage](#) on cleaning and disinfecting facilities.

Personal Hygiene

- Establish a “before and after work” handwashing or sanitizing protocol for all employees.
 - For vendors that may reuse packaging, such as milk bottles, ensure that employees receiving these containers wear gloves and isolate the packaging until it can be sanitized with dish soap and hot water or in a dishwasher. Employees should change their gloves and wash their hands once the container has been isolated.
- Provide portable handwashing stations or, if not feasible, touch-free automated hand sanitizer dispensers at high-traffic locations (e.g., the entrance to the market, outside restrooms, and the vendors' counters) and at the location of each vendor. These should contain hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol.
 - If providing neither a station nor a dispenser is feasible, then at a minimum, consider providing hand sanitizer at high-traffic locations. This sanitizer should contain at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol.
 - Post signs at each hand sanitizer station to encourage proper use and illustrate proper hand sanitizing techniques.
- At a minimum, employees should wash their hands after they have been in a public place; after touching their face coverings; after blowing their noses, coughing, or sneezing; after using the restroom;



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after touching any common contact surfaces; and before eating. Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

- Consider requiring gloves for all employees and ensure the gloves are changed frequently.
 - Consider changing gloves after handling cash or a credit card.
 - Communicate that wearing gloves is not a substitute for handwashing.
- When possible, dedicate one employee to take payments and another to handle food.
- Employees should cover their mouths and noses with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and throw used tissues in the trash. If they do not have a tissue, they should cough or sneeze into their elbows, not their hands. They should immediately wash their hands after blowing their noses, coughing, or sneezing. Learn more about [coughing and sneezing etiquette](#).

Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing can help limit transmission. Employers should follow all local, state, or federal physical distancing requirements.
- Limit the number of customers at the vendor at one time so that employees and customers can maintain physical distancing. Follow local, state, and federal requirements regarding the number of people who are allowed to congregate within an area.
- Use methods to physically separate employees and customers when possible.
 - Use visual cues, such as floor or ground markings and signs, in areas where people may congregate, such as check-out lines, to encourage physical distancing.
 - Provide additional space between vendors to ensure that employees can maintain appropriate physical distancing.

- Provide adequate space for customers to move between vendors by reconfiguring the market into an “L” shape or single row, if possible. Mark paths and require one-way foot traffic with a clear market entrance and exit.
- Place plastic partitions between employees and customers wherever possible, particularly at payment kiosks.
- Post signs around the market as reminders to maintain physical distancing at all times.
- Encourage customers to preorder food and other items using an online platform, email, or phone, or through calls or text messages, and schedule pickups at assigned time intervals to stagger attendees and reduce peak shopping times.
 - Consider having customers wait in their cars or away from the vendor until called by phone when their order is ready.
 - Encourage pre-bagging or pre-weighing items to expedite purchasing.
- If food ordering takes place in person, consider writing a numbered menu on a wall or large board that can be easily communicated at a distance.
- Post clear signage about pricing to reduce conversation between employees and customers. Consider pricing products so that the use of coinage is not necessary.
- Implement nontraditional payment processing to minimize physical contact between employees and customers.
 - Consider an app-based system.
 - Encourage credit card use over cash. If possible, eliminate the need for customers to provide their signatures following payment to reduce contact with a tablet or pen.
 - For customers paying with cash or a credit card, ask them to place their payments on a receipt



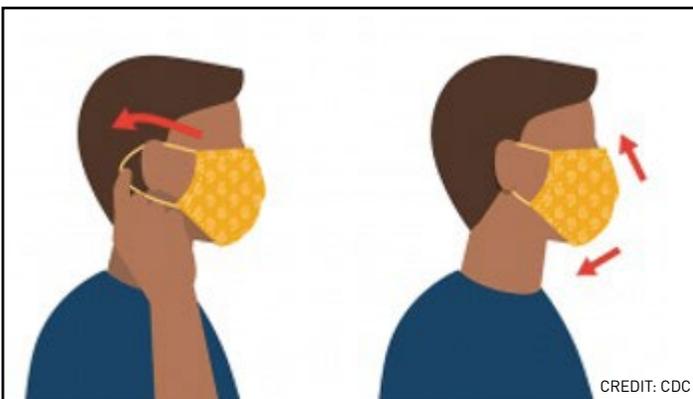
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tray or on the counter rather than exchanging by hand to avoid any direct hand-to-hand contact.

- Continue accepting EBT payment, if applicable.
- Discourage customers from eating any prepared foods at the market or in the immediate vicinity of the truck or cart. Remove or block off any nearby seating to prohibit usage. Follow local, state, and federal requirements regarding whether on-premises consumption of food is suspended.
- Discourage customers from bringing pets to the market, as pets' behavior can result in unintended breaches of physical distancing and increase the amount of time the customer spends at the market.

Face Coverings

- Face coverings can help limit transmission. Employers should follow all local, state, or federal face covering requirements.
- Cloth or disposable non-medical face coverings are NOT PPE but do offer some protection to the wearer and others. Use of face coverings is not a substitute for physical distancing, engineering controls, cleaning and disinfecting, proper hygiene, or staying home while sick.
- Train employees on the proper way to maintain, wear (covering both the nose and mouth), handle, and clean face coverings, as discussed by CDC.



Refer to the graphic below and to [CDC's guidance on how to wear masks](#).

- Encourage employees to wear cloth or disposable face coverings at all times, particularly when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Encourage employees to wear cloth or disposable face coverings if using public transportation to get to work. Refer to [CDC's guidance on safe use of public transportation](#) during COVID-19.
- Additional information on cloth face coverings can be found in [CDC's guidance for using masks](#) to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Restrooms

- For markets with on-site restrooms, post signage limiting restroom occupancy, to allow for proper physical distancing, and to remind customers and employees to wash their hands before and after using the restroom.
- Minimize touchpoints when entering and exiting restrooms, if possible.
 - If the door cannot be opened without touching the handle, provide paper towels and a trash can by the door so that a paper towel can be used when touching the handle and then discarded.
 - Consider controlling access to bathrooms with a key so that disinfection measures can be better managed. If a key is used, consider disinfecting it after each use.
- If possible, allow doors to multi-stall restrooms to be opened and closed without touching handles.
- Place signs as reminders to close toilet lids (if present) before and after flushing.
- Use no-touch faucets, towel dispensers, soap dispensers, and waste receptacles when possible.
- Hand soap should be readily available for use by occupants.
- Provide paper towels in restrooms.



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- Refer to [AIHA's guidance document on using hand air dryers](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic for more information.
 - If feasible, work with HVAC professionals to ensure that bathrooms are well ventilated and, if filtration is used, that proper filtration practices are being followed.
 - Increase frequency and efforts to keep bathrooms clean and properly disinfected and maintain a record of sanitary work practices.
 - Take precautions when cleaning or maintaining sinks and toilets (i.e., avoid creating aerosols, close toilet lids before flushing, and use disposable gloves).
 - If using portable toilets, add mobile handwashing stations and trash cans nearby.
- ### Waste and Laundering
- Single-use items and used disinfection materials can be treated as regular waste, following regular safety guidelines.
 - Aprons, towels, work clothing, etc. should be placed in an impervious bag after use and treated as potentially contaminated.
 - Any reused cloth materials should be washed and dried on the highest temperature setting allowable for the fabric.
 - When handling dirty laundry, wear gloves and a mask and do not shake.
 - Clothes hampers or laundry baskets, if used, should be cleaned according to manufacturers' instructions.
 - Wash hands after handling dirty laundry.
- ### Training
- Provide awareness training to employees on cleaning and disinfection products used in the market following [OSHA's Hazard Communication Standards](#).
 - For employees who will use cleaning and disinfecting products, training should also include proper use, PPE, disposal, and relevant precautionary measures.
 - Provide instruction and training to employees on how to correctly maintain, handle, wear, clean, and dispose of cloth or disposable face coverings.
 - Provide appropriate training and education for all PPE, including reusable and disposable gloves.
 - **NOTE: If an employer chooses to provide or the employee supplies their own N95 respirator, please fully consider all the potential OSHA requirements.**
 - Use videos and in-person visual demonstrations of proper PPE donning and doffing procedures, while maintaining physical distancing during these demonstrations.
 - Emphasize that care must be taken when putting on and taking off PPE, to ensure that the worker or the item does not become contaminated.
 - PPE should be: (1) disposed of; or (2) properly disinfected and stored in a clean location when not in use.
 - Stress hand hygiene before and after handling all PPE.
 - Correct maintenance on handling, wearing, cleaning, and disposing of PPE.
 - Make SDS for cleaning and disinfection products available and ensure employees are aware of the hazards of use. Incorporate new hazards into your existing [OSHA Hazard Communication Program](#).
 - Implement and inform employees of supportive workplace policies, as applicable.
 - Provide flexible sick leave policies consistent with public health guidance. Providing paid sick leave is important to encourage employees to stay home when sick.



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- Refer to [CDC's guidance for businesses and employers](#) regarding COVID-19 test results from employees.
 - Offer employees the flexibility to stay home to care for sick family members.
 - Implement human resources policies consistent with public health guidance and state and federal workplace laws. For more information on employer responsibilities, visit the [Department of Labor](#) and [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission](#) websites.
 - Provide employee assistance programs and community resources to help employees manage stress and receive support.
 - Offer special accommodations upon request for employees at increased risk for severe illness, to allow them to perform their job duties safely, while also protecting sensitive employee health information.
 - Post signs and reminders at entrances and in strategic places to provide instructions on hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, and cough etiquette. Include signs with images for non-English readers, as needed.
 - Train employees on new or modified working schedules, how they can stay up to date on new scheduling requirements, and how to make requests for schedule changes if a need arises.
- Other Control Measures**
- For markets that offer nonessential programming, such as bands, balloon entertainers, face painting, and demonstrations, these events should be discontinued to discourage lingering.
 - Consider suspending penalties for last-minute vendor cancellations.
 - Do not offer samples.
 - Discourage customers from browsing and touching products. Arrange booths so that tables are on the perimeter, eliminating the opportunity for customers to enter.
 - Employees and customers should be encouraged to stay home if they are symptomatic.
 - Employers are encouraged to stagger work shifts or hours and consider other flexible approaches for employees.
 - If employees commute to work using public transportation, consider asking them to:
 - Use other forms of transportation, if possible.
 - Maintain physical distancing and wear cloth or disposable face coverings.
 - Commute at off-peak times, if possible.
 - Wash their hands before the trip and as soon as possible after arriving.
 - Educate employees on recognizing the symptoms of COVID-19 and provide instructions on what to do if they develop symptoms.
 - Although perhaps not necessary if handwashing protocols are rigorously followed, consider providing disposable gloves to employees, especially for handling food or money, cleaning and disinfecting, removing waste materials, and cleaning the restrooms.
 - If gloves are worn, change them regularly; wearing gloves is not a substitute for handwashing.
 - If worn, inspect gloves frequently. Remove or replace any gloves that are torn, damaged, or contaminated.
 - Plan for employee absences by developing flexible attendance and sick leave policies, plan for alternative coverage, and monitor and track employee absences related to COVID-19.
 - Stay informed of local and state COVID-19 information and updates in your geographic area.



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Communication

- Communication and training should be easy to understand, in languages preferred to be spoken or read by the employees, and include accurate and timely information.
 - Methods for communicating with employees could include emails, texts, automated phone calls, websites, and signage.
- Adopt a communication strategy that is customized to your organization and emphasizes transparency.
 - Communicate to employees what is being done to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (e.g., disinfection routines, health policies for staff, and health and safety measures in place).
 - Establish formal and informal routes of communication for employees to express concerns, questions, comments, and feedback.
- If the workplace has multiple vendors present, consider establishing a communication pathway with other vendors to inform each other of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases.
- If your market layout has changed to accommodate physical distancing, consider developing and sharing a map of the new layout online, so customers can quickly find vendors and develop a plan before they arrive.

Employee Wellness

- Communicate to employees the importance of being vigilant when monitoring personal health symptoms and contacting their employers or managers if or when they start to feel sick.
- Revisit your sick leave program to allow for time off and follow all HR policies and HIPAA or other regulatory requirements.
- Conduct employee temperature screenings and wellness checks before each shift. **(NOTE: Comply with [OSHA's Access to Employee Medical and Exposure Records Standard](#) for confidentiality.)**
 - Temperature screening methods can include a manual thermometer (use non-contact infrared thermometers) or thermal camera meeting [FDA recommendations](#). Additional screening information and guidance can be found on [CDC's website](#).
 - Assign an employee to manage and conduct temperature screenings while following CDC guidelines. If this is not possible, employees can self-check their own temperatures.
 - Screening should be done in a manner such that the privacy of employees is respected.
 - Perform visual inspections for other signs of illness (e.g., flushed cheeks, rapid or difficulty breathing without recent physical activity, fatigue, or coughing).
 - Employees who have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) or above or other signs of illness should not be admitted into the market.
- Employers can consider incorporating a wellness questionnaire similar to [CDC's general screening survey](#). However, we encourage checking your regional health department websites. For example, there is a [personnel screening form](#) available on the San Francisco Department of Health's website.
- Refer to [CDC's guidance for businesses and employers](#) regarding employees who have symptoms or signs of COVID-19 (i.e., fever, cough, or shortness of breath) or who have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19.
- If an employee tests positive for COVID-19:
 - Follow federal, state, and local recommendations for reporting and communicating cases, while remaining compliant with regulations and guidelines pertaining to protecting private health information, such as confidentiality required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). See [OSHA for guidance on reporting workplace exposures to COVID-19](#).



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- Engage HR immediately and enforce all applicable HR rules and regulations.
- Follow federal, state, and local recommendations for any individuals that had close contact with the employee.
- Use trained personnel to perform enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of any surfaces that the employee may have come into contact with.
 - Encourage the trained personnel to wear face coverings and gloves, dispose of their gloves after use, and wash their hands and faces when complete. Visibly dirty surfaces should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water PRIOR to disinfection.
- For disinfection, use only EPA-registered disinfectants on [List N](#).
- Encourage employees who are sick to stay home. This includes:
 - People with flu-like symptoms or who live with someone with these clinical symptoms.
 - People with COVID-19, people who live with someone with COVID-19, or people who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Employers are encouraged to educate employees to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19 and provide instructions on what to do if they develop symptoms.
- Discourage the sharing of any items (e.g., tools, equipment, and supplies) that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect between uses.
- Minimize barehanded contact with food products.
- If silverware is provided to customers, it should be enclosed in a sterilized package. Consider using disposable silverware.
- Use disposable napkins.
- Discontinue the use of all self-serve condiments (e.g., ketchup bottles and salt and pepper shakers) and consider providing prepackaged condiments.

What should an Employee do to reduce risk to themselves and customers?

- Employees should evaluate their health continuously; if they are sick, have a fever or symptoms, or have someone sick at home, then they should remain home.
 - **NOTE: Employer HR policies, HIPAA guidelines, and other laws should be followed at all times.**
- Disinfect shared equipment and high-touch surfaces frequently, after each use at least.
- Maintain a clean cloth or disposable face covering. Replace frequently, if needed, and replace after contamination.
 - When wearing a face covering, ensure both your nose and mouth are covered.
 - Change face covering if it becomes wet, damaged, or contaminated.
 - Wash your hands before touching your face covering.
 - Wear a cloth or disposable face covering while using public transportation.
 - Additional information on cloth face coverings can be found on [CDC's website](#). **(NOTE: Cloth or disposable non-valved face coverings primarily protect other people but can also protect the**

Food Preparation Areas and Contact Surfaces

- Follow [FDA guidelines](#) for food handling.
- Prepare foods in advance when possible, to minimize or eliminate on-site food preparation.
- Serve any prepared foods in disposable containers.
- Place adhesive floor mats in any food preparation areas.
- Store disposable dishware in a covered area.



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wearer. When wearing a face covering, ensure both your nose and mouth are covered. Use of a cloth or disposable face covering is not a substitute for physical distancing.)

- Have extra face coverings on hand.
- Maintain good hygiene practices by washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol. For more information, refer to [CDC's handwashing guidelines](#).
- If you are an employee who tests positive for COVID-19, or who has come in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, follow [CDC's guidelines](#).
- At minimum, wash your hands after serving each customer; after being in a public place; after touching your face covering; after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; after using the restroom; after touching any common contact surfaces; and before eating. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands when you arrive at work, throughout the day during various activities (e.g., before and after preparing food, after handling money or trash, and after using the bathroom), after touching your face covering, when you leave work, and when you arrive home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands. Immediately wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Learn more about [coughing and sneezing etiquette](#).
- Let your employer know if you have concerns about PPE or face coverings that may be provided to you and ensure that you are properly instructed on how to use them. CDC has recommended sequences for donning and doffing PPE.

– **NOTE: If an employer chooses to provide an N95 respirator, please fully consider all the potential OSHA requirements.**

- If you bring your children with you to work, ensure that they stay close by and abide by physical distancing and face covering requirements and other protocols established by your employer or market manager.

Worker Rights

This document presents and supports workplace protections that are essential components of occupational health and safety systems and programs. These basic protections are worker rights, as well as essential ingredients of occupational health and safety systems.

What can a Customer do to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19?

- Comply with instructions regarding COVID-19 precautions set forth by the market or vendors, including but not limited to physical distancing requirements and use of face coverings.
- Evaluate your own health and your family's health continuously. If you are sick, stay home. If you have an elevated temperature, stay home. If someone in your house is sick, stay home. If you have allergies and uncontrollable sneezing, stay home.
- If possible, check with the market or vendor, prior to going, regarding any current requirements for customers to follow specific to COVID-19.
- Use online and electronic services in place of in-person services, if feasible.
 - Use delivery, preordering, or pick-up services whenever you can.
 - If you anticipate needing to complete paperwork, consider filling this out at home prior to your visit or bringing your own pen.



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- Review the menu or create a shopping list in advance so you can limit your time interacting with a vendor or walking through the market.
- Consider having just one member of your household visit the street vendor or farmers' market to reduce crowding. Be aware that members of the same household can stand together and do not need to distance themselves from each other.
- Wear a cloth or disposable face covering as you approach, interact with, and leave the area of a street vendor or as you enter and leave a market.
- Wash your hands before you enter and after you leave the market, if possible, and especially when touching common high-touch surfaces. If not feasible, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol when you enter and before you leave the building.
- If using public transportation to get to and from the market, wash your hands when you enter and before you leave the market. If not feasible, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol.
- If you use reusable shopping bags, wash these at home following each use.
- Maintain a distance of at least six feet from other customers and employees when walking through the market or interacting with a vendor, whenever possible.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands. Immediately wash your hands after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Learn more about [coughing and sneezing etiquette](#).

Resources

[AIHA: Effective and Safe Practices, Guidance for Custodians, Cleaning, and Maintenance Staff Guidance Document](#)

[AIHA: Employers' Guide to COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfection in Non-Healthcare Workplaces Guidance Document](#)

[AIHA: Joint Consensus Statement on Addressing the Aerosol Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and Recommendations for Preventing Occupational Exposures](#)

[AIHA: Reducing the Risk of COVID-19 Using Engineering Controls Guidance Document](#)

[AIHA: Worker Rights White Paper](#)

[AIHA: Workplace Cleaning for COVID-19](#)

[ASHRAE: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response Resources from ASHRAE and Others](#)

[CDC: COVID-19 – Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#)

[CDC: COVID-19 – COVID-19 Testing Overview](#)

[CDC: COVID-19 – General Business Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[CDC: COVID-19 – Guidance for Reopening Buildings After Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operation](#)

[CDC: COVID-19 – How to Wear Masks](#)

[CDC: COVID-19 – Protect Yourself When Using Transportation](#)

[CDC: COVID-19 – Use Masks to Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)

[CDC: COVID-19 – Vaccines for COVID-19](#)

[CDC: Facilities COVID-19 Screening](#)



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[Department of Labor: Coronavirus Resources](#)

[EPA: Can I Use Fogging, Fumigation, or Electrostatic Spraying or Drones to Help Control COVID-19?](#)

[EPA: List N](#)

[Farmers' Market Coalition: Farmers' Markets Respond to COVID-19 – Daily Updates and Announcements](#)

[FDA: Food Safety and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

[FDA: Non-Contact Temperature Assessment Devices During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[OSHA: Access to Employee Medical and Exposure Records](#)

[OSHA: Hazard Communication Standards](#)

[OSHA: Heat](#)

[OSHA: Job Hazard Analysis](#)

[OSHA: Recording Workplace Exposures to COVID-19](#)

[San Francisco Department of Public Health: Attachment A-1 – Personnel Screening Form](#)

[U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: Coronavirus and COVID-19](#)

[U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws](#)



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