

Guidance for Grocery Stores to Minimize the Spread of COVID-19



Grocery stores can play an important role in both protecting their employees and their customers from COVID-19 infections by following the below personal and environmental hygiene practices.

- **Daily check employees' wellness and ensure employees stay home when they are sick with fever, coughing, and sneezing.**
- **Ensure that employees practice washing their hands thoroughly with soap and warm water** for 20 seconds upon first arriving to work, after using the restroom, before and after eating and frequently throughout the day. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **Provide alcohol based (60%) hand sanitizers** for use for both employees and customers by placing them at convenient/accessible locations. Ensure there is a way to sanitize shopping cart and basket handles – either by making wipes easily accessible to customers or by having employees manage the process and sanitize between each customer use.
- **Frequently sanitize commonly touched surfaces and objects** such as electronics, door knobs, faucet handles, counter tops, cash machine key pads, shopping cart handles frequently throughout the day. Change the sanitizing solution at least once every four hours.
- **Prohibit self-serve foods**, including hot bars, cold bars and buffets.
- **Prohibit product sampling.**
- **Appoint a designated sanitation worker** at all times to continuously clean and sanitize commonly touched surfaces.
- **Appoint a designated personnel that will ensure the social distancing requirements to any lines that form inside or outside of the store.** In areas of high-volume traffic, utilize spacing tools for checks and lines. Put tape on the floor to keep customers adequately spaced.
- **Consider temporarily assigning employees at high risk for coronavirus to non-public-contact duties**, such as people with underlying health conditions, people 60 or older, people with underlying health conditions, those with weakened immune systems or those who are pregnant.
- **Offer designated shopping hours for high-risk customers.**
- **Prominently display signage in the store** that communicates with customers and staff the steps they are taking to minimize the risk of COVID-19.

If you are a food business owner or a food worker and have questions related to your operation please reach out to your Local Health Department. For the latest information, please visit the following site: www.kycovid19.ky.gov.

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