COVID-19 Food Industry Guidelines

Sanitation in your Facility
- Clean and sanitize customer-access areas multiple times throughout the day.
- Use a separate wiping cloth and sanitizing solution for customer-access areas.
- Frequently disinfect “touch points” such as doorknobs, other handles, shopping carts, and areas near cash registers at least daily.
- Clean and sanitize tongs and other utensils in self-service areas often throughout the day.
- Consider providing alcohol-based hand sanitizer at your facility entrance.

Hand Washing
- All hand washing should take 20-30 seconds and involve soap and water.
- Employees should cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. If necessary, sneeze into a cloth Be sure to throw the cloth away after use. Discard tissues and wash hands immediately after each cough or sneeze.
- Employees should avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Anytime a worker uses the bathroom, touches money, takes out the trash, cleans equipment, touches raw poultry, shrimp, and/or beef, entering in and out the kitchen, touch their eyes, nose or mouth, and changing any tasks they should wash their hands.

Employee Symptomatic or Diagnosed With COVID-19
- If a food employee is symptomatic (fever, cough, shortness of breath) or diagnosed, they should be sent home immediately, and stay at home for at least 14 days.
- Contact the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food or Local Health Department.
- The affected area where the employee worked SHOULD BE CLOSED until it is properly cleaned and sanitized.
- CDC recommendation for disinfecting areas is 5 tablespoons (3/5 cup) bleach per gallon of water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water.

Inside Your Establishment
- In store consumption or sit down food service is prohibited.
- Follow the below information in regards to bulk bins:
  - self service bins and bins with scoops inside are prohibited
  - gravity fed bulk bins are allowed
- Provide consumers and employees with:
  - cart wipes
  - hand sanitizer - throughout your facility
  - disinfecting wipes at self checkout and checkout stands

COVID-19 Virus and Food
- Currently, dairy products, produce, food and animal feed have not been identified as a source of COVID-19 virus.
- On February 27, 2020 the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a Fact Statement informing the public that “FDA is not aware of any reports at this time of human illnesses that suggest COVID-19 can be transmitted by food or food packaging.

Additional Resources
The situation around COVID-19 (novel coronavirus disease) in Utah continues to develop. For the most current information visit the following websites:
- Utah Department of Agriculture and Food - https://ag.utah.gov/covid-19-news-and-updates/
- Utah Department of Health - https://coronavirus.utah.gov/
- Center for Disease Control - https://www.cdc.gov/

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