COVID-19 Resources & Guidance Archive

This document contains an archive of resources and guidance created for the food industry in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Information here may be outdated and links may no longer function. Please contact foodsafety@cornell.edu if you have any questions.

General Food Industry Resources

- Visit this page from the CDC to find information on “Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19.” Posted on January 13, 2022.
- Visit this page from the White House to find an announcement from President Biden about new actions being taken to protect against the Delta and Omicron variants this winter. Posted on December 2, 2021.
- Visit this page from OSHA to find information on “COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing ETS.” Posted on November 18, 2021.
- Visit this page from Cornell University to find a white paper focusing on the impact of COVID-19 on New York’s farms and food systems. Posted on October 27, 2020.
- Visit this page from the FDA to find information on “Reporting a Temporary Closure or Significantly Reduced Production and Requesting FDA Assistance.” Posted on May 29, 2020.
- Visit this page from the Food Industry Association to find COVID-19 resources for the food industry. Posted on March 24, 2020.
- Visit this page from Food Safety Tech to find COVID-19 resources for the food industry. Posted on May 11, 2020.
- Visit this page from the FDA to find information on their “Briefing for Foods Stakeholders on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).” Posted on March 19, 2020.
- Visit this page from the Acheson Group to find advice for the food industry and outbreak updates. Posted on March 18, 2020.

Food Industry Guidance on COVID-19

- Visit this page from the CDC to find guidelines on making a COVID-19 communication plan for non-healthcare critical infrastructure employers. Posted on January 25, 2021.
- Visit this page from the CDC to find options for reducing the quarantine of close contacts using symptom monitoring and diagnostic testing. Posted on December 7, 2020.
- Visit this page from the CDC to find information for truck driver employees and what they need to know about COVID-19. Posted on December 2, 2020.
- Visit this page from OSHA to find an information sheet with guidance on ventilation in the workplace. Posted on November 12, 2020.
• Visit this page from the Cornell Craft Beverage Institute to find [reopening guidelines for New York State tasting rooms during the COVID-19 pandemic](https://www.cornell.edu/), Posted on May 28, 2020.

  • Visit this page for a [PDF version](https://www.cornell.edu/) from CCBI. Posted on June 5, 2020.

• Visit this page to find interim guidance from the CDC and OSHA on [COVID-19 management for manufacturing workers and employers](https://www.cornell.edu/), Posted on May 26, 2020.

• Visit this FAQ to find information on how to access the federal Paycheck Protection Program for your agricultural or food-related business. Posted on April 3, 2020.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find [interim guidance for businesses and employers](https://www.cornell.edu/). Posted on March 17, 2020.

• Visit this page from the Harvard Business Review to find information on how to prepare your supply chain. Posted on March 17, 2020.

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**What to do When an Employee Tests Positive**

• Visit this page from the CDC to find [information for employers on case investigation and contact tracing](https://www.cornell.edu/). Posted on August 5, 2020.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find their guidance on "[What to Do if You Have COVID-19 Confirmed Positive or Exposed Workers in Your Food Production, Storage, or Distribution Operations Regulated by FDA](https://www.cornell.edu/)." Posted on April 28, 2020.

• Visit this page from the Food and Beverage Issue Alliance (FBIA) to find their guidance on "[Food Industry Recommended Protocols for when an Employee/Customer Tests Positive for COVID-19](https://www.cornell.edu/)." Posted on April 7, 2020.

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**Consumer Resources**

• Visit this page from the CDC with [scientific information that shows COVID-19 boosters remain safe, and continue to offer high levels of protection](https://www.cornell.edu/) against severe disease over time during the omicron and delta waves. Posted on February 15, 2022.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on [food and COVID-19](https://www.cornell.edu/). Posted on June 22, 2020.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find information on [shopping for food during the COVID-19 pandemic](https://www.cornell.edu/). Posted on May 4, 2020.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find [information on COVID-19 and your pets](https://www.cornell.edu/). Posted on May 1, 2020.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find an [interview with Frank Yiannas](https://www.cornell.edu/) on food safety and availability during and beyond COVID-19. Posted on April 17, 2020.

• See this message provided by [NYS Commissioner Ball](https://www.cornell.edu/) and [FDA Deputy Commissioner Frank Yiannas](https://www.cornell.edu/) on concerns regarding the safety and supply of food. Posted on March 25, 2020.

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**Vaccine Information**

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information about [expanding booster recommendations to 16- and 17-year-olds](https://www.cornell.edu/). Posted on December 13, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on [expanded eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots](https://www.cornell.edu/). Posted on October 22, 2021.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find information on their [full approval of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](https://www.cornell.edu/). Posted on August 23, 2021.
• Visit this page from the Kaiser Family Foundation to find an overview of information that shows the effectiveness of vaccines in different states. Posted on August 3, 2021.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find “COVID-19 Vaccination & the Food and Agriculture Sector.” Posted on July 13, 2021.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find information about their authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for emergency use in adolescents. Posted on May 11, 2021.

• Visit this page to find a joint CDC and FDA statement recommending that the use of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (J&J/Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine resume in the United States, after a temporary pause. Posted on April 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find their “Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report” with an updated recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine after reports of Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome among vaccine recipients. Posted on April 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on reaching rural and remote essential workers with COVID-19 vaccinations. Posted on April 19, 2021.

• Visit this page from WHO to find their “COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction Toolkit.” Posted on April 19, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information about how to talk about COVID-19 vaccines with friends and family. Posted on March 22, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on vaccine considerations for people with underlying medical conditions. Posted on March 16, 2021.

• Visit this page from the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report to find the advisory committee on immunization practices’ interim recommendation for use of Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine. Posted on March 16, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find the first set of guidelines on how fully vaccinated people can visit safely with others. Posted on March 9, 2021.

• Visit this page from JAMA to find a viewpoint paper on approaches for optimal use of different COVID-19 vaccines in relation to viral variants and vaccine efficacy. Posted on March 8, 2021.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find information about the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine including fact sheets translated into more than 20 languages. Posted on March 1, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on what older adults need to know about COVID-19 vaccines. Posted on March 1, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on adverse events reported after COVID-19 vaccination. Posted on March 1, 2021.


• Visit this page from the CDC to find specific numbers on vaccine delivery and administration in the US. Posted on February 10, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find COVID-19 vaccine information for specific groups. Posted on February 5, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on how they are ensuring the safety of COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Posted on January 29, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find scientific information on how allergic reactions as a result of receiving the vaccine are very rare. Posted on January 29, 2021.
• Visit this page from the FDA to find information about the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine including fact sheets translated into more than 20 languages. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find information about the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine including fact sheets translated into more than 20 languages. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find their frequently asked questions page regarding COVID-19 vaccination. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information about building confidence in COVID-19 vaccines. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find guidelines on how to make vaccination part of your workplace wellness program. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on when and how essential workers & employees should get vaccinated. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination for essential workers. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from Nature to find the first scientific reports on the success of vaccination programs. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find a “COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Toolkit” for essential workers. Posted on January 25, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information about what you should expect at your appointment to get vaccinated for COVID-19. Posted on January 25, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on SARS-CoV-2 variant classifications and definitions. Posted on March 22, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information about the number of cases in different states caused by variants of the virus. Posted on February 2, 2021.

• Visit this page from WHO to find useful information on SARS-CoV-2 variants that were first identified in Africa. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find information on three molecular tests that might have reduced sensitivity to some of the variants of SARS-CoV-2. Posted on January 28, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on the emergence of the B.1.1.7 variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus. Posted on January 25, 2021.

Information on COVID-19 Variants

• Visit this page from WHO to find a statement on Omicron sublineage BA.2. Posted on March 29, 2022.

• Visit this page from WHO to find information on the new Omicron (B.1.1.529) SARS-CoV-2 Variant. Posted on December 2, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find their media statement on the new Omicron (B.1.1.529) SARS-CoV-2 Variant. Posted on December 2, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on SARS-CoV-2 variant classifications and definitions. Posted on March 22, 2021.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information about the number of cases in different states caused by variants of the virus. Posted on February 2, 2021.
Peer-Reviewed Papers on COVID-19 and Related Coronaviruses

- Visit this page to find a study on the duration of viable virus shedding in SARS-CoV-2 omicron variant infection. Posted on March 23, 2022.


- Visit this page to find a study on transmission of the Omicron variant and its immune evasiveness. Posted on February 15, 2022.

- Visit this page to find the study, "Effectiveness of Face Mask or Respirator Use in Indoor Public Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Infection." Posted on February 15, 2022.

- Visit this page to find the study, "Waning 2-Dose and 3-Dose Effectiveness of mRNA Vaccines Against COVID-19." Posted on February 15, 2022.

- Visit this page to find the study, "Safety Monitoring of COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses Among Adults." Posted on February 15, 2022.

- Visit this page to find a study that shows a large difference between detection of viral RNA and viable viral particles of SARS-CoV-2. Posted on January 28, 2022.

- Visit this page to find a study that concluded decontamination of SARS-CoV-2 from cold-chain food packaging provides no marginal benefit in risk reduction to food workers. Posted on January 20, 2022.

- Visit this page to find the study, "Infectious viral load in unvaccinated and vaccinated patients infected with Delta and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2." Posted on January 19, 2022.

- Visit this page to find a study on membrane fusion and immune evasion by the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant that shows a very likely contributing factor in the Delta variant's efficient person-to-person transmissibility and worldwide expansion. Posted on November 11, 2021.

- Visit this page to find a study that shows reduced rates of infection and severe illness among people that received a booster vaccine of Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty). Posted on October 19, 2021.

- Visit this page to find a study that showed all three FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 vaccines offer substantial protection against COVID-19 hospitalization. Posted on September 28, 2021.

- Visit this page to find information about decreased incidence of foodborne diseases in the US during the COVID-19 pandemic. Posted on September 28, 2021.

- Visit this page to find a review paper on food safety and employee health implications of COVID-19. Posted on August 6, 2021.

- Visit this page to find a study that shows how a substantial number of deaths and hospitalizations were averted by the rapid US vaccination rollout. Posted on July 19, 2021.

- Visit this page to find a study that showed higher protection potential against COVID-19 when vaccinated with an mRNA vaccine compared to protection potential observed after natural infection. Posted on July 8, 2021.

- Visit this page to find a mathematical modeling study with predictions of the impact vaccination and non-pharmaceutical interventions can have. Posted on April 13, 2021.


- Visit this page to find information on the association of state-issued mask mandates and allowing on-premises restaurant dining with county-level COVID-19 case and death growth rates. Posted on March 8, 2021.

- Visit this page to find information on how to maximize fit for cloth and medical procedure masks in order to improve performance and reduce SARS-CoV-2 transmission and exposure. Posted on February 10, 2021.
• Visit this page to find information on the potential protective effect of the influenza vaccine in regards to COVID-19 mortality. Posted on December 2, 2020.

• Visit this page to find information on acute loss of smell and/or taste as symptoms of COVID-19. Posted on November 10, 2020.

• Visit this page to find information on the efficacy of face shields and neck gaiters. Posted on October 14, 2020.

• Visit this page to find a short comment on how contaminated surfaces represent a minor risk of transmission of COVID-19. Posted on September 8, 2020.

• Visit this page to find a systematic review and meta-analysis of available scientific data on the role of physical distancing, face masks, and eye protection in preventing person-to-person transmission of COVID-19. Also visit this page for a short comment on this peer-reviewed paper. Posted on June 3, 2020.

• Visit this page to find information on the efficacy of homemade masks. Posted on May 15, 2020.

• Visit this page to find information on the efficacy of face shields. Posted on May 15, 2020.


• Visit this page to find information on the filtration performance of cloth masks and common fabric materials. Posted on April 8, 2020.

• Visit this page to find information on the estimated proportion of asymptomatic COVID-19 cases. Posted on April 8, 2020.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find their results regarding US active monitoring of persons exposed to patients with confirmed COVID-19. Posted on April 7, 2020.

• Visit this page to find a scientific review on the persistence of coronaviruses related to COVID-19 on inanimate surfaces and their inactivation with biocidal agents. Posted on March 20, 2020.


Guidance on Social Distancing

• Visit this page from the CDC to find their guidance on “Social Distancing for Tribal Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission.” Posted on April 28, 2020.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find information on how to maintain social distancing in a food production/processing facility and food retail establishment where employees typically work within close distances. Posted on April 8, 2020.

• Visit this page from the Food and Beverage Issue Alliance (FBIA) to find their “Emergency Prevention Measures to Achieve Physical (Social) Distancing in Food Manufacturing Facilities as Related to COVID-19.” Posted on April 7, 2020.

• Visit this page to see guidance on “Social Distancing in Food Manufacturing Facilities as Related to COVID-19” from the United Fresh Produce Association. Posted on March 30, 2020.

• Visit this page from Johns Hopkins Medicine to find information on social distancing and self-quarantine. Posted on March 17, 2020.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find interim guidance on mitigation strategies for mass gatherings within communities. Posted on March 17, 2020.
Respiratory Hygiene Guidance

- Visit this page from the CDC to find information on how to improve the fit and filtration of your mask to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Posted on February 11, 2021.
- Visit this page from the CDC to find information on the use of cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Posted on April 8, 2020.
- Visit this page from the CDC to find a recommendation regarding the use of cloth face coverings in areas of significant community-based transmission, including a video from the US Surgeon General on how to make your own face covering from items you can find around the house. Posted on April 8, 2020.
- Visit this page from the CDC to find questions and answers on cloth face coverings. Posted on April 8, 2020.
- Visit this page from the FDA to find information on wearing cloth face coverings in retail and food production settings to prevent exposure to COVID-19. Posted on April 8, 2020.

Cleaning & Sanitation Guidance

- Visit this page from the FDA to find information on hand sanitizers sold with fraudulent claims. Posted on April 28, 2020.
- Use these instructions from Ecolab to verify that your chemicals are on the EPA-registered list of chemicals active against COVID-19. Posted on March 31, 2020.
- Visit this page from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for information on disinfectants that can be used against coronavirus. Posted on March 17, 2020.

Drinking-water & Waste Management Guidance

- Visit this page from the World Health Organization to find information about water, sanitation, hygiene and waste management. Posted on March 17, 2020.
- Visit this page from the US Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration to find information about measures for protecting workers from exposure. Posted on March 17, 2020.

Dairy-related Resources


Produce-related Resources

- Visit this page from the CDC and the US Department of Labor to find interim guidance for agriculture workers and employers. Posted on June 3, 2020.
- Visit this page from the NC Department of Labor for their “Temporary Worker Housing COVID-19 Guidance.” Posted on May 27, 2020.
• Visit this page from the CDC for [COVID-19 guidance for shared or congregate housing](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/sharing-space.html), *Posted on May 27, 2020.*

• Visit this page from CALS to find information on the [best management practices for U-Pick farms](https://www.cals.cornell.edu/extension/extension-topics/climate-smart-agriculture-sustainability) during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Posted on April 28, 2020.*

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**Meat-related Resources**


• Visit this page from the USDA for their [COVID-19 resources](https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus). *Posted on March 17, 2020.*

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**Restaurant-related Resources**

• Visit this page from the CDC to find [considerations for restaurants and bars as they resume operations](https://www.cdc.gov/restaurant/index.html), *Posted on May 29, 2020.*


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**Advice for Food Industry to Minimize Personnel Risks**

• Visit this page from OSHA to find [guidance on mitigating and preventing the spread of COVID-19](https://www.osha.gov/newsgallery/news/Publication23877) in the workplace. *Posted on February 2, 2020.*

• Visit this page from OSHA to find information about [frequently cited standards related to COVID-19 inspection](https://www.osha.gov/newsgallery/news/Publication23878), *Updated on December 15, 2020.*

• Visit this page from MIT to find a [mathematical model with a user interface that can help you estimate the safe use of indoor spaces](https://dspace.mit.edu/bitstream/handle/1721.1/105566/RGVisualization_5.1.1.pdf?sequence=1) in relation to the number of people and time. *Posted on December 14, 2020.*

• Visit this page from the Employer Assistance and Resource Network on Disability Inclusion to find [question and answers regarding COVID-19](https://www.earengagement.org/coronavirus), *Posted on September 29, 2020.*

• Visit this page from Matrix Sciences to find an overview of [information on medical record retention requirements](https://www.matrixsciences.com/articles/medical-record-retention-requirements) for employers. *Posted on June 4, 2020.*

• Visit this page from the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to find their update, “[What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws](https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/coronavirus.htm),” allowing an employer to administer COVID-19 testing to employees before they enter the workplace to determine if they have the virus. *Posted on April 27, 2020.*


• Visit this page from the NYS Department of Labor for an [infographic that explains the federal CARES Act](https://www.labor.ny.gov/pdf/careact19infographic.pdf) and recent changes in unemployment insurance for COVID-19 impacted workforces. This information may be helpful to both employers and employees. *Posted on April 8, 2020.*
Visit this page to find a letter from US Congressman John Katko with information on resources available to local farms and agricultural businesses in central New York that have been crippled by the COVID-19 pandemic. *Posted on April 8, 2020.*

Visit this page from the FDA to find information on flexibility regarding menu labeling requirements for chain restaurants and similar retail food establishments during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Posted on April 2, 2020.*

Visit this page from the FDA to find information on their temporary policy, “Nutrition Labeling of Certain Packaged Food During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.” *Posted on March 31, 2020.*

Visit this page from the US Department of Labor for their guidance explaining paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. *Posted on March 31, 2020.*

Employers are required to post these posters to inform employees of these benefits. A copy of the poster can be found here and a copy of the poster in Spanish can be found here. Posters must be displayed in a conspicuous place. If the workplace is closed, employers must still get them to staff and may email them to staff. *Posted on March 31, 2020.*

Visit this page from the Business Council of New York State to find an overview of recently passed NYS and federal policies on employee benefits, sick, family and medical leave. *Posted on March 26, 2020.*

Visit this page from the US Department of Labor for guidance on federal sick leave and family and medical leave policies during the COVID-19 outbreak. *Posted on March 24, 2020.*


Guidelines for Protecting Employees

Visit this page from the CDC to find guidance for people living in the same household. *Posted on May 29, 2020.*

Visit this page from the CDC to find information on what workers and employers can do to manage workplace fatigue during COVID-19. *Posted on May 21, 2020.*

Visit this page from the US Department of Labor & US Department of Health & Human Services for information on how to prepare workplaces and protect employees. *Posted on March 17, 2020.*

Visit this page from the US Department of Labor, The Wage and Hour Division, to find common issues employers and employees face when responding to public health emergencies. *Posted on March 17, 2020.*

Employee Screening

Visit this page from the CDC to find their interim guidance for SARS-CoV-2 testing in non-healthcare workplaces. *Posted on March 18, 2021.*

Visit this page from the CDC to find information on "Consent Elements and Disclosures" regarding workplace SARS-CoV-2 testing. *Posted on January 25, 2021.*

Visit this page from the FDA to find information on non-contact temperature assessment devices during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Posted on June 22, 2020.*

Visit this page from the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) to find an overview of COVID-19 tests, how to use the tests, and how to interpret the test results. *Posted on May 26, 2020.*

Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Health to find information on where essential workers can get tested in New York State. *Posted on May 20, 2020.*

Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Health if you are concerned about COVID-19 and would like to take an online assessment. *Posted on May 20, 2020.*
• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on their symptom-based strategy to discontinue isolation for persons with COVID-19. Posted on May 7, 2020.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on contact tracing. Posted on May 1, 2020.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on serologic (antibody) testing and how to interpret the results. Posted on April 29, 2020.

• Visit this page from the CDC to find information on COVID-19 symptoms and when to seek medical attention. Posted on April 28, 2020.

• Visit this page from the Food and Beverage Issue Alliance (FBIA) to find guidelines on screening food industry employees for COVID-19 symptoms or exposure. Posted on April 7, 2020.

Information for Facilities Producing Hand Sanitizer

• Visit this page from Cornell AgriTech for guidance on hand sanitizer production. Posted on April 17, 2020.

• Visit this page from the American Craft Spirits Association to find useful resources for facilities that are producing hand sanitizers and sanitizing sprays. Posted on April 17, 2020.

• Visit this page from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to find their COVID-19 advisory on hand-sanitizer raw materials. Posted on April 13, 2020.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find their temporary policy for firms that register as over-the-counter (OTC) drug manufacturers and want to produce hand sanitizer. Posted on March 31, 2020.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find their temporary policy, “Manufacture of Alcohol for Incorporation Into Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency (COVID-19).” Posted on March 31, 2020.

• Visit this page from the FDA to find their temporary policy, “Compounding of Certain Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency Immediately in Effect Guidance for Industry.” Posted on March 31, 2020.

• Visit this page from the Distilled Spirits Council to find information for facilities that want to produce hand sanitizer, such as how to source ingredients, locate packaging, find buyers, and address other concerns. Posted on March 31, 2020.

NYS Announces the End of the State Disaster Emergency

• As of June 15, 2021, over 70 percent of adult New Yorkers had received at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination and the rate of new COVID-19 cases in New York State had plummeted to the lowest levels in the nation. Given New York’s progress and the diminished risk of COVID-19 within the community, the NYS Office of the Governor announced the end of the state disaster emergency as of Friday, June 25. Industry partners should refer to New York Forward Guidance for the most up-to-date information.

NYS Laws & Regulations Updates

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Health to find guidance on releasing individuals from quarantine as a result of an exposure to COVID-19. Updated on May 7, 2021.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Health to find their “Am I Eligible” app to help you determine your eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine, connect you with administration centers, and schedule an appointment. Posted on January 11, 2021.
• Food retailers and those authorized on their behalf have to have this signage posted outside all entrances as well as develop a process, using a door monitor or something similar, to deny entrance into the store if a customer is not wearing a face-covering. Posted on September 29, 2020.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Agriculture and Markets to find updated interim guidance for retail grocery stores during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Posted on September 29, 2020.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Health to find a regulatory amendment on the enforcement of social distancing measures. Posted on July 13, 2020.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Health to find their interim guidance, “Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in New York State Following Out of State Travel.” Posted on June 30, 2020.

• New York State, Department of Agriculture and Markets issued interim guidance to farmers’ markets for how to remain open for food sales while practicing safe social distancing. Updated on May 29, 2020.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Agriculture and Markets to find information on how to set up a charitable food drive-through event in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Posted on April 30, 2020.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Agriculture and Markets to find information on temporary packaging and labeling requirements for shell eggs that will allow the industry to meet the increased demand for shell eggs during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Posted on April 30, 2020.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Health to find a revised guidance document on testing which includes the steps an essential worker can take to get tested. Posted on April 27, 2020.

• The Department of Agriculture and Markets is offering a 45 day extension of 20-C Food Processing Licenses that expire between April 16 and May 31, 2020. At the end of the 45 day period, a completed 20-C food processing license and the full applicable fee must be received by the Department of Agriculture and Markets. Posted on April 17, 2020.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Agriculture and Markets to find a press release on actions the department is taking to assist the agricultural industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. Posted on April 14, 2020.


• The quarantine of the Tri-State Region (NY, NJ, CT) does not apply to critical transportation and delivery workers moving goods, products and services related to the food industry into or out of New York State. Posted on March 30, 2020.

• Visit this page from the New York State, Department of Agriculture and Markets for guidance related to animal care and veterinary employees. Posted on March 23, 2020.

• The New York State, Department of Agriculture and Markets has additional guidance for agricultural and food related businesses, including information on the mass gatherings restrictions policy and how that applies to agriculture and food businesses. Posted on March 20, 2020.

• Craft and Farm Beverage licensees can find information on operational restrictions, as well as new opportunities to directly ship to the consumer on the NYS Liquor Authority’s webpage. Posted on March 20, 2020.

New York State adopted new regulations requiring paid sick leave for employees impacted by COVID-19. Visit this page for employer guidance on how to comply with the new requirements which are based on the number of employees. Posted on March 19, 2020.

- Farm and food related businesses are NOT exempt from these required benefits.
- Visit this page from the NYS Liquor Authority to find information on restrictions on ‘to-go’ and delivery sales in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Posted on March 17, 2020.

COVID-19-related Webinars & Podcasts

Reflections on Innovations in the Supply Chain and Strategies for Moving Forward
May 2, 2022 | View the recording here.

Consumers’ Interactions with the Food Supply Chain
November 29, 2021 | View the recording here.

Impacts of COVID-19 on Food Supply Chains
June 22, 2021 | View the recording here.

EPI-WIN Webinar: COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring
April 19, 2021 | View the recording here.

EPI-WIN Webinar: Immune Response to SARS-CoV-2
February 10, 2021 | View the recording here.

COVID-19 Partner Update: COVID-19 Information for Essential Workplaces
February 8, 2021 | View the recording here.

EPI-WIN Webinar: SARS-CoV-2 Mutants & Variants
February 3, 2021 | View the recording here.

What Lessons do we Hope to Learn from COVID-19?
January 29, 2021 | View the recording here.

Produce Safety Educators Call #50: Stress on the Farm
November 2, 2020 | View the recording here.

September 21, 2020 | View the recording here.

Best Management Practices for Agritourism Farms During the COVID-19 Pandemic
September 4, 2020 | View the recording here.

Managing Fruit & Vegetable Farms During COVID-19: What Actions Should Farms Take?
June 24, 2020 | View the recording here.

COVID-19 What We’ve Learned – Best Practices for the Food Industry
June 17, 2020 | View the recording here.
Q&A Session Video – Managing Field Crews During COVID-19: What Actions Should Apple Growers Take?  
June 10, 2020 | View the recording here.

Validation, Verification and Development of a COVID-19 Control “Culture”  
May 21, 2020 | View the recording here.

Dispelling Consumer Myths and Learning the Facts About COVID-19  
May 18, 2020 | View the recording here.

DFSA Webinar: Coronavirus Response  
April 29, 2020 | View the recording here.

Leadership Through Communication; Navigating the COVID-19 Crisis  
March 20, 2020 | Register here in order to gain access to the recording.

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