

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 Information here may be outdated and links may no longer function.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 OSHA to find their "[Emergency Temporary Standard for COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing.](#)" *Posted on November 9, 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 FDA to find information on their "[Temporary Policy Regarding Certain Food Labeling Requirements During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: Minor Formulation Changes and Vending Machines.](#)" *Posted on May 26, 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.*
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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 FDA to find their "[Employee Health and Food Safety Checklist for Human and Animal Food Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)" *Posted on August 24, 2020.*
- Visit this page from the CDC to find their "[Facility Assessment Checklist for Evaluation of COVID-19 Assessment and Control Plans.](#)" *Posted on June 22, 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](#). *Posted on May 28, 2020.*
 - Visit this page for a [PDF version](#) 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](#). *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](#). *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](#). *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](#).” *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](#).” *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](#) 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](#). *Posted on June 22, 2020.*
 - Visit this page from the FDA to find information on [shopping for food during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). *Posted on May 4, 2020.*
 - Visit this page from the FDA to find [information on COVID-19 and your pets](#). *Posted on May 1, 2020.*
 - Visit this page from the FDA to find an [interview with Frank Yiannas](#) on food safety and availability during and beyond COVID-19. *Posted on April 17, 2020.*
 - See this message provided by [NYS Commissioner Ball](#) and [FDA Deputy Commissioner Frank Yiannas](#) 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](#). *Posted on December 13, 2021.*
- Visit this page from the CDC to find information on [expanded eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots](#). *Posted on October 22, 2021.*
- Visit this page from the FDA to find information on their [full approval of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine \(Comirnaty\)](#). *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 a report on the [first month of COVID-19 vaccine safety monitoring](#) (United States: December 14, 2020 – January 13, 2021). *Posted on February 22, 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 [learn about the benefits of getting a COVID-19 vaccine](#). *Posted on November 25, 2020.*

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.*
- 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.*

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 that shows [effectiveness of COVID-19 Pfizer-BioNTech BNT162b2 mRNA in children](#) and adolescents aged 5–17 years. Posted on March 3, 2022.
- Visit this page to find results of [safety monitoring of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses](#) among persons aged 12–17 years. Posted on March 3, 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-Co-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 from WHO to find their report: [WHO-convened global study of origins of SARS-CoV-2: China Part](#) (Joint WHO-China study: 14 January - 10 February 2021). Posted on April 2, 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 from Springer to find the book: [Epidemiological Research: Terms and Concepts](#). *Posted on April 27, 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.*
- Visit this page to find information on [aerosol and surface stability of COVID-19](#) published in The New England Journal of Medicine. *Posted on March 18, 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 WHO to find [advice on the use of masks](#) in the context of COVID-19. *Posted on June 9, 2020.*
 - 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.*
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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.*
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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.*
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Dairy-related Resources

- Visit this page from the Global Dairy Platform (GDP) for [COVID-19 questions and answers](#). *Posted on March 17, 2020.*
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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 Ogletree Deakins for their article, "[Washington Implements New COVID-19 Safety Rules for Farmworker Housing](#)." *Posted on May 27, 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 VA Department of Health for [interim guidance for migrant labor camp operators and employees regarding COVID-19](#). *Posted on May 27, 2020.*

- Visit this page from the CDC for [COVID-19 guidance for shared or congregate housing](#).
Posted on May 27, 2020.
 - Visit this page from CALS to find information on the [best management practices for U-Pick farms](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Posted on April 28, 2020.*
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Meat-related Resources

- Visit this page from the CDC to find [interim guidance for meat and poultry processing workers and employers](#) as response to multiple outbreaks of COVID-19 in food processing facilities. *Posted on April 28, 2020.*
 - Visit this page from the USDA for their [COVID-19 resources](#). *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](#).
Posted on May 29, 2020.
 - Visit this page from the FDA to find [best practices for re-opening retail food establishments](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Posted on May 11, 2020.*
 - Visit this page from the FDA to find an overview of [best practices for retail food stores, restaurants and food pick-up/delivery services](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Posted on April 10, 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](#) 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](#). *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](#) 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](#). *Posted on September 29, 2020.*
- Visit this page from Matrix Sciences to find an overview of [information on 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](#)," 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 US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to find their COVID-19 update, "[Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)." *Posted on April 13, 2020.*
- Visit this page from the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to find consolidated relevant information and [answers to questions from the public](#) about the Equal Employment Opportunity laws and COVID-19. *Posted on April 13, 2020.*
- Visit this page from the NYS Department of Labor for an [infographic that explains the federal CARES Act](#) 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.*
- Visit this page from US Department of Homeland Security to find their “[Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response.](#)” *Posted on March 20, 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.*
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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.*
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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.
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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.*
- Visit this page for New York State provisional guidance, "[Using Surplus Milk as Fertilizer Due to the COVID-19 Emergency.](#)" *Posted on April 13, 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.*
- Operate a farmers' market or farm stand? Find updated [COVID-19 food safety and sanitary compliance guidance from New York State here](#). *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.*
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