

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AGRIBUSINESS AND CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WARM WATER FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.

Agriculture is incredibly important to a sustained food supply. We appreciate all of the hard work you all do and support you all. To continue supporting our food supply, please implement the following practices at your facilities:

Protect Employees and Volunteers

The virus spreads primarily from person to person. The health and safety of employees/volunteers should be the focus of every agribusiness.

- Follow all CDC guidelines on preparing your place of work for continuing business
- Employees and volunteers who are sick or show signs of respiratory illness should not work until they are symptom free.
- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water before eating, after using the bathroom, coughing or sneezing, and touching surfaces. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Have hand washing stations and plenty of hand sanitizer available.
- Frequently sanitize common areas with EPA registered products for use against COVID-19 that are safe to use in and around livestock.
- Maintain 6 feet of space in between workers
- Keep groups of employees congregated in one area to less than 10.

Meals

- Consider not having an open type (buffet style) meal. If you want to serve a meal, consider individual boxed type service.
- Have individually packaged items available rather than open choice settings. Bottled water and can soda are good options and for snacks, individually packaged muffins rather than boxed dozen donuts

Symptoms

People who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 have reported fever, cough and difficulty breathing. These symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

What about facemasks?

- CDC does not recommend that healthy people wear a facemask.
- Facemasks should be worn by healthcare workers and people taking care of someone with COVID-19.

How do I help prevent the spread of illnesses?

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

How does COVID-19 spread?

- Coughing/sneezing without proper cover.
- Close personal contact (within six feet of a laboratory confirmed person).
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.



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