

COVID-19 FOOD-SELLING ESTABLISHMENT GUIDELINES



In accordance with Executive Order 2020-77 Food-Selling Establishments are REQUIRED to:

- **Screen employees for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure**

Request employees to complete a screening or questionnaire prior to arrival at work. Sample workplace health screening available in Re-Engagement Resources for Businesses.

- **Notify of positive COVID-19 cases**

Without revealing personal health related information, all positive COVID-19 cases within a facility must be reported to employees and food vendors within 12 hours of test result.

- **Face mask and face coverings**

Any individual entering a food establishment, who can medically tolerate it, must wear a face covering over his or her mouth. Check out employees must wear a face covering over mouth and nose. Employees working in areas not accessible to the public do not have to wear coverings if 6-ft distance can be maintained (EO 2020-77). Signs for workplaces are available in the Re-Engagement Resources for Businesses.

- **Maintain 6-ft distancing**

Ensure employees and customers remain six feet apart.

- **Accommodate high-risk individuals**

Groceries and pharmacies must dedicate at least two hours of shopping per week for high-risk populations. Provide high-risk employees with lower exposure assignments. Allow high-risk employees to take unpaid leave of absence.

- **Cleaning of facility**

Facilities must close to the public to allow for proper and thorough sanitizing. Frequently disinfect touchpoints, such as registers, counters and shopping carts.

For the purpose of this order, "food-selling establishments" are grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants that sell groceries or food available for takeout, and any other business that sells food.

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- **Ensure access to handwashing and/or hand sanitizing stations**

Provide accessible handwashing or hand sanitizing for employees and customers. Allow suitable break time for employees to wash hands. Use best effort to provide hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes for employee and customer use on shopping carts, throughout the store and in between transactions at registers.

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-69 Food-Selling Establishments are **REQUIRED** to:

- **Prohibit indoor and outdoor seating**

Food-selling establishments and places of public accommodation are prohibited from offering any indoor or outdoor seating for on-premise consumption.

LICENSING EXTENSION

Per Executive Order 2020-71, food-selling establishments license expiration dates have been extended to 60-days after the end of the declared state of emergency and disaster. Late fees will not be assessed during this period.

Questions?

Contact the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at 1-800-386-5959