



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Guidance for Food Processors

Food has not been identified as a likely source of COVID-19 at this time; however, food businesses can play an important role in protecting their employees and their customers from COVID-19. Implementing strategies in food processing plants to minimize the risk of COVID-19 is essential. Most importantly, be sure that your plan includes screening employees for illness and sending any staff member who is sick home.

Below is a list of resources to help develop a plan to keep consumers, and your staff, healthy:

- [Food Processor Checklist](#) developed by Cornell University
- Employee health and hygiene posters to hang in your facility:
 - [Wash Your Hands!](#)
 - [Stop the Spread of Germs](#)
 - [Stay Home When You're Sick](#)
- [Protect Your Workforce from COVID-19](#)
- FDA food-specific FAQs: <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> [fda.gov]
- Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) webinar with US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update From CDC: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/604987986974595083> [register.gotowebinar.com]

For the latest information, please visit the [Rhode Island Department of Health \(RIDOH\) COVID-19 web page](#); call RIDOH's COVID-19 Hotline at 401-222-8022 or 211 after hours; or email RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov.