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**


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