

# COUNTY OF EL DORADO

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### COVID-19 Precautions & Protocols for El Dorado County Agricultural Businesses Open to the Public

El Dorado County Public Health and Environmental Management urge all agricultural businesses (growers) that are open to the public to implement the following precautions and protocols in their businesses prior to the 2020 harvest season. Their implementation is necessary to protect the health and safety of employees, customers, and the general public. The precautions and protocols are gleaned from guidance documents published by the California Department of Public Health, California Department of Food & Agriculture, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and Cal OSHA. A list of resources with links to their most current online versions can be found at the end of this document.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, guidelines are subject to change. El Dorado County Public Health recommends becoming familiar with the specific guidelines that apply to your business and monitoring the versions posted online, so you are aware of and ready to adapt to updates as they occur. You should also review the general guidelines that apply to all businesses, including the *Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings* and the *COVID-19 Employer Playbook*.

The main goal of writing these instructions is to allow El Dorado County growers to continue to serve the public your high quality agricultural products and locally produced handicrafts while discouraging activities that are considered risky for COVID-19 transmission. Risky activities include those that draw crowds too big to be adequately distanced, gatherings of groups that extend beyond one's immediate household members, spending time in enclosed spaces, and eating/drinking (because they require the removal of face coverings) unless people are adequately distanced from one another. If visitor numbers are kept to a manageable size that enables safe distancing, the harvest season can be an excellent opportunity for immediate household members to enjoy the beauty and bounty of our county without undue risk of being infected with COVID-19.

General recommendations applicable to El Dorado County Growers open to the public include:

- Post signs with COVID-19 safety and hygiene guidelines.
- Protect employees: conduct symptom checks before employee enters work space; provide adequate hand- washing/hand sanitizer, gloves and masks near employees; distance work stations 6 ft. apart.
- Shared equipment like tools and wagons used by customers must be disinfected prior to and at the conclusion of each use to mitigate transmission. (Use of shared equipment should be limited to necessary uses like harvesting, e.g., u-pick fruit, or carrying/moving products being purchased, not for entertainment purposes.)
- Prevent crowds from gathering: limit numbers of customers in facility at any time to maintain 6 ft. distancing; keep lines moving quickly; distance or remove tables.

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- Keep people distanced: mark 6 ft. distances apart, both inside and outside, at restrooms, etc.
- Establish entry and exit points that serve as crowd control and provide hand sanitizer at these points.
- Prevent unnecessary contact: provide contactless payments systems; no sampling; no shared condiment bottles, areas, pens, etc.; if customers bring their own shopping bags, employees should not handle them; customers should bag their purchased items themselves.
- Increase sanitization: assign employees to frequently clean high touch surfaces, including tables, restrooms, counters, shields, door knobs, payment devices, etc.
- Provide and frequently replenish hand sanitizer in dispensers, sanitizer stands, on counters, etc.
- Require face covers for all employees and visitors.
- Staff should verbally reinforce guidance and rules when necessary.
- Suspend high risk non-essential activities such as hayrides, food sampling, and entertainment.
- Notify crafters of and enforce compliance with the Retail Guidelines to ensure guest and crafter safety. Reminder: El Dorado County's [Ranch Marketing Ordinance](#) states "Handicrafts shall be products that are made domestically by hand, normally sold by the person that made them, and do not include items that are mass produced by others."
- Where feasible, create options for online ordering and pick-up or reservations for visiting to help manage the number of customers at any given time.
- Contact El Dorado County Public Health immediately if you identify an outbreak in a workplace. An outbreak is defined as three or more laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19 within a two-week period among employees who live in different households.

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting county residents and visitors from the risks of COVID-19.



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**El Dorado County Health & Human Services COVID-19 information:**  
<https://edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19.aspx>

Attachment: relevant guidelines

## Relevant Guidelines

### 1. State of California and California Department of Public Health Resources

#### **Statewide Public Health Officer Order, July 13, 2020**

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/SHO%20Order%20Dimming%20Entire%20State%207-13-2020.pdf>

#### **COVID-19 Employer Playbook: Supporting a Safer Environment for Workers and Customers**

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/employer-playbook-for-safe-reopening--en.pdf>

#### **Guidance on Closure of Sectors in Response to COVID-19**

(July 13 letter directing sector closures)

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-of-Closure-of-Sectors-in-Response-to-COVID-19.aspx>

#### **Industry guidance to reduce risk**

(list of industry closures and limitations, industry guidelines, and employer resources)

<https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>

#### **Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings**

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings\\_06-18-2020.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings_06-18-2020.pdf)

In Spanish: [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings\\_06-18-2020\\_\(SP\).pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Face-Coverings_06-18-2020_(SP).pdf)

#### Specific guidelines relevant to El Dorado County growers

#### **COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Agriculture and Livestock**

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-agriculture--en.pdf>

Checklist: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/checklist-agriculture.pdf>

#### **COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Retail**

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-retail--en.pdf>

Checklist: <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/checklist-retail.pdf>

#### **COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Restaurants, Bars, and Wineries**

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-restaurants-bars.pdf>

#### **How Farmworkers can Stay Safe from Coronavirus (COVID-19) 4.18.20**

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Farmworker-Safety.aspx>

In Spanish: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Trabajadoresagr%C3%ADcolas.aspx>

### 2. California Department of Food & Agriculture

#### **CDFA Guidance for Farm Direct Sales and Pick-Your-Own Operations during COVID-19**

<https://www.cdffa.ca.gov/coronavirus/pdfs/GUIDANCEFarmDirectandPickYourOwnCOVID-19.pdf>

### 3. California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

#### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates**

(includes contact information, FAQ, and definition of “meal” for purposes of being allowed to serve alcoholic beverages while bars, breweries, etc. are closed)

<https://www.abc.ca.gov/law-and-policy/coronavirus19/>

4. California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety & Health (CalOSHA)

**Safety and Health Guidance: COVID-19 Infection Prevention in Grocery Stores**

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Infection-Prevention-in-Grocery-Stores.pdf>