



# El Dorado County

## Environmental Management Department

### Environmental Health Division

## CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 FOOD FACILITY GUIDANCE

### How can it spread in a food facility?

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet / 2 meters).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- Touching objects that have been contaminated (e.g. doorknobs, shared condiments, etc.) and then touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

### How can I protect my customers?

- Encourage sick employees to stay home until symptom free.
- Symptoms include: Fever, Cough and difficulty breathing/shortness of breath.
- Follow the CDPH industry protocols.
- Wear a face covering.
- All food employees should practice diligent handwashing and good personal hygiene.
- Use utensils or gloves to limit bare hand contact with ready-to-eat food.
- Limit self-service food items.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces at least once every 4 hours.
- **If a food facility has been exposed to Coronavirus or if there is concern of exposure, immediately follow proper disinfection guidelines. Call 2-1-1 for additional information.**



### Handwashing

Food employees shall thoroughly wash their hands and arms with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds; thoroughly rinse with clean running water and properly dry their hands and arms. Ensure handwashing signs are posted in the appropriate locations.

## Effective Disinfectants

Use the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) registered product database below. **Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper disinfection and safe handling.** Use disinfectants in well-ventilated areas.

For approved disinfectants effective against coronavirus, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

### If using household chlorine bleach:

1. Pre-wash nonporous surfaces (doorknobs, counters, sinks, toilets, etc.).
2. Create bleach solution by mixing 1/3 cup bleach into 1-gallon of water.
3. Wipe the surface with the bleach solution. Allow proper contact time as directed on product label.
4. Rinse with water and let air dry.

### Additional disinfection guidance from the CDC can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/cleaning-disinfection.html>

## Surfaces to Sanitize Often

- Toilet Room Surfaces
  - Lights Switch Plates
  - Highchairs
  - Kitchen Surfaces
  - Phones
  - Tables and Chairs
  - Doorknobs
  - Computer Keyboards
  - Wheelchairs/Walkers
  - Recreation Equipment
  - Railing
  - Remote Controls
  - Registers
  - Self-Serve Condiments
- At least once every 4 hours**

## Employee Health Guidelines

### The Person in Charge is Responsible for Meeting the Following Requirements:

- **Report** to EMD when a food employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, Salmonella, Shigella, Enterohemorrhagic or Shiga-toxin producing E. Coli, Hepatitis A, Norovirus, or Entamoeba histolytica. Call Placerville (530) 621-5300 or South Lake Tahoe (530) 573-3450 or email [emd.info@edcgov.us](mailto:emd.info@edcgov.us).
- **Report** to EMD if two or more people are sick with acute gastrointestinal illness (diarrhea, either alone or with vomiting, fever or abdominal cramps).
- **Exclude** a food employee from the food facility if diagnosed with COVID-19, Salmonella, Shigella, Enterohemorrhagic or Shiga-toxin producing E. Coli, Hepatitis A, Norovirus or Entamoeba histolytica. Only the El Dorado County Public Health Department or EMD can allow an excluded employee to go back to work (a note from an employee's physician is not adequate to allow an excluded employee to return to work).
- **Restrict** a food employee from working with exposed food, clean equipment, clean linens, clean utensils and unwrapped single-service articles if food employee is suffering from symptoms of acute gastrointestinal illness or experiencing persistent coughing, sneezing or nasal discharges. Restrictions can be removed by the Person in Charge when the food employees state they no longer have symptoms of illness.
- For more information on COVID-19, go to [www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19.aspx](http://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCOVID-19.aspx) or call 2-1-1. If you have health-related questions or concerns, contact your healthcare provider.