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COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR CERTAIN CALAVERAS COUNTY
BUSINESS SECTORS

Following Governor Newsom’s recently released guidance, Calaveras Public Health has updated their COVID-19 webpage and includes a “Businesses tab” that will be updated as the situation changes. The website now includes information about business closures, social distancing, etc. Below are the guidance measures for certain business sectors and resources to assist businesses and keep our residents safe.

Bars, wineries, breweries and pubs - should be closed, except for venues that are currently authorized to provide off sale beer and wine to be consumed off premises are allowed.
  • This guidance is not intended to affect production of beer and wine.
  • Bars, breweries, pubs, and wineries that include meals provided by a full kitchen should follow the restaurant guidance below if they provide delivery or pick-up options.

Retail Food Service and Other Related Service Venues - Restaurants/Cafeterias
  • Restaurants should be closed for in-restaurant seated dining, and should be open only to drive-through or other pick-up/delivery options.
  • Remind employees of best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
• Increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing per CDC Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection guidance of all hard surfaces, including tables and counter tops that are being utilized by employees and patrons during pickup/delivery options.

Food Trucks
• Increase frequency of cleaning of menus, cash registers, receipt trays, condiment holders, writing instruments and other non-food contact surfaces frequently touched by patrons and employees.
• Ensure that social distancing of six feet per person for non-family members is maintained and make clear that family members can participate together, stand in line together, etc.
• Limiting the number of people in lines.
• Increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing per CDC Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection guidance of all hard surfaces.
• Remind employees of best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Grocery Stores and Charitable Food Distribution Sites - The food distribution chain is critical to the public’s health.
• Grocery stores and charitable food distribution sites should remain fully open and operational.
• As with other settings, ensure that social distancing of six feet per person for non-family members is maintained and make clear that family members can participate in activities together, stand in line together, etc.
• Social distancing of six feet per person, particularly between individuals who have come together on a one-time or rare basis.
• Limiting the number of customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance.
• Increase cleaning and sanitizing frequency of restroom and other high contact areas.
• Train employees on best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
• Additional opportunities throughout the venue for persons to reduce the spread of the virus through hand washing or sanitizing stations.
• Eliminate events/marketing that target individuals that the CDPH has identified as higher risk of serious illness for COVID-19.
• Stores that have online ordering with outside pick-up or delivery options should encourage use of these when possible in lieu of indoor shopping.

Certified Farmers Markets
• Space booths accordingly to increase social distancing among patrons in line and walking about the market.
• Ensure that social distancing of six feet per person for non-family members is maintained and make clear that family members can participate in activities together, stand in line together, etc.
• Limit the number of customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance.
• Increase cleaning and sanitizing frequency of restroom and other high contact areas.
• Train employees on best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
• Offer additional hand washing or sanitizing stations throughout the venue.
• Eliminate events/marketing that target individuals that the CDPH has identified as higher risk of serious illness for COVID-19.
• Encourage activities such as pre-bagging to expedite purchasing.
• Suspend sampling activities.
• Increase frequency of cleaning of tables, payment devices, and other surfaces.
• Eliminate non-essential/non-related services, such as bands or other entertainment.
• At the end of the market, continue to utilize local food recovery systems to feed/donate extra products to populations in need.
• If applicable, continue accepting EBT payment.

Other Information
• The CDC, FDA and CDPH are not aware of any reports at this time that suggest COVID-19 can be transmitted by food or food packaging.
• General guidance for employers and workers can be found at https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/

Please stay up to date with information on our Calaveras County Public Health COVID-19 webpage at: https://covid19.calaverasgov.us/.

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