



Lincoln County Public Health

COVID-19 Guidance for Grocery Stores, Convenience Stores and Markets

As of March 19th, per the Statewide Public Health Order by Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, State Health Officer Alexia Harrist and Lincoln County Health Officer, Dr. Chris Krell, all grocery stores, convenience stores, and markets which sell food or beverages **must** comply with the following procedures:

All dining areas inside and outside be closed immediately. No on site food consumption is allowed at this time.

The above mentioned grocery stores, convenience stores, markets and places that offer food and drink are encouraged to enact the following procedures:

1. Management should review policies for sick employees and ensure that no employee who presents symptoms of illness be allowed to work. Personnel must **STAY HOME** when they are ill.
2. Cease all self serve including but not limited to salad bars, hot bars, bulk food and drink dispensing. Cease self serve unpackaged food hot or cold (hot dogs, nacho bars, etc.)
3. Self dispensing beverage machines (soda fountains and coffee machines) should be properly sanitized as often as possible.
4. Prepackage or wrap utensils, straws, coffee stirrers, cup lids and drink cups and move these behind the counter and dispense to customers upon request. Prepackage condiments and distribute upon request. Do not allow reusable cups and discontinue refills.
5. Cease all food or drink sampling.
6. Use delivery, window, walk up, drive through, drive up, curbside delivery service of food and beverage and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate potential transmission of COVID-19 including utilizing physical distancing
7. Encourage high risk populations to utilize the above mentioned forms of food service
8. Cash transactions should be avoided as much as possible. Use online and telephonic credit card transactions (e.g. Venmo, Squarecash, Google Pay, Apple Pay and other similar payment apps
9. Staff who handle cash or credit cards may not be involved in the preparation, handling or delivery of food
10. For food service establishments allowing the public to pick up their orders, limit the number of the public in a public place to five people at once maintaining at least 6 feet of distance apart.
11. Train employees on best hygiene practices including washing hands as often as possible for at least 20 seconds with soap and water and encourage them to cover coughs and sneezes in their elbow and instruct them not to touch their face, nose or eyes with unwashed hands.
12. For hotel restaurants, food items may only be delivered as room service or as described above
13. Close any self checkout stations

14. Develop a written cleaning and sanitizing schedule for frequently touched surfaces and objects including:
 - a. Shopping carts/baskets
 - b. Doors
 - c. Register lines, belts, credit card machines
 - d. Check station cash registers and phones
 - e. Gas pump handles and touch screens
 - f. Bathroom door handles, faucets, stalls
 - g. Self dispensing beverage machines and countertops surrounding them
15. Consider posting floor stickers to highlight appropriate distancing
16. Consider posting informational signage
17. Provide shoppers and personnel with wipes or other disinfectants to use on frequently touched areas
18. Grocery store workers and retail personnel **do not** need to wear facemasks per CDC recommendation. If desired, they can wear gloves but remember that gloves are not a replacement for hand washing.

Please call Lincoln County Public Health with questions or concerns

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Other Resources

Star Valley Health Hotline: **307-885-5007**

South Lincoln Medical Center Hotline: **307-800-8719**

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Star Valley Health: starvalleyhealth.org/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/

South Lincoln Medical Center: [facebook.com/South-Lincoln-Hospital-District-288117818356479/](https://www.facebook.com/South-Lincoln-Hospital-District-288117818356479/)

Wyoming Department of Health:

health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/

Lincoln County Public Health:

https://www.lccwy.org/departments/public_health/covid-19_information.php