

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GROCERY STORES REGARDING COVID-19



Given the recent public health order declared by NM Department of Health Cabinet Secretary, Kathyleen Kunkel on March 23, 2020, the City of Albuquerque recommends grocery stores take the following actions for compliance with the order.

Limit the sales of the following products to three items per person: medications, medical equipment, baby formula, diapers, sanitary care products, and hygiene products (including toilet paper), to help prevent shortages of necessary supplies.

Per the 2009 FDA Food Code, employees must be restricted from working in any food service establishment if they have a sore throat and fever.

In addition, Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque further recommends the following:

- **Minimize operations staff** to the greatest extent possible
- **Follow social distancing protocols** of maintaining at least 6ft between patrons
- **Avoid person-to-person contact**
- **Encourage employees to wash their hands frequently**, especially after making contact with patrons, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Clean all surfaces** routinely using proper concentrations in all cleaning products. Make sure staff follow all label guidelines for these products. Pay special attention to frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, carts, workstations, tables, chairs, credit card machines, pens, etc.
- **Make sure sick employees stay home.** If an employee suspects they might have COVID-19, please have them contact the NM Department of Health at (855) 600-3453 for further instruction. Ensure that all staff understand your facility's sick leave policy.
- **Gloves must be worn** by individuals preparing or handling ready to eat food and changed between tasks. If gloves are worn for additional activities, such as cash handling, these individuals must wash their hands before putting a new pair on or after taking a pair off.
- **Discontinue** buffet service, food samples, self-service bulk foods and use of personal reusable containers such as travel mugs.



CLEAN SURFACES



DISINFECT SURFACES



WASH YOUR HANDS

The New Mexico Department of Health is the lead agency for the statewide coronavirus response. Community members are encouraged to visit <https://cv.nmhealth.org> or call (833)-551-0518 for general questions.

Any employee experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as, fever, cough, or shortness of breath should call the NM Department of Health at (855) 600-3453 for guidance.