



LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Guidance for Preventing COVID-19 in Food Establishments
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- A. Every food service worker who is eligible should be vaccinated for COVID-19.
- B. Any food service worker who is not fully vaccinated and interacts with the public should be required to wear a face covering.
- C. Prior to working, screen each food service worker for the following symptoms:
 - One of the following: fever of 100.4 or greater, new onset of dry cough, onset of shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new onset of loss of taste or smell; or
 - Two of the following: chills longer than two hours, congestion and/or runny nose, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting.Immediately exclude any food service worker who has new onset of any of these [symptoms](#) or combination of symptoms as noted above. Monitor employees for symptoms throughout the day and exclude accordingly.
- D. If allowing customer self-service from buffets and salad bars, make hand sanitizer available to patrons and ensure serving utensils are changed out every thirty (30) minutes.
- E. Create a response plan for any instance of an employee with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.
- F. Whenever possible, practice physical distancing between staff. Redesign workflow, designate tasks and workstations to specific employees or contact pods to minimize commingling and maximize physical distancing.
- G. Enhance employee safety training, emphasizing proper handwashing and hygiene etiquette.
- H. Have hand sanitizer and sanitizing products readily available for employees and customers.
- I. Implement touchless payment options when possible.
- J. Disinfect all high touch surfaces at least every four (4) hours.