

# Virginia Tech “Expanding Food Safety Protocols in an Evolving Landscape of COVID-19” Suggested Resources

## General Information

**FDA (United States Food and Drug Administration) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/counterterrorism-and-emerging-threats/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

**USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**

<https://www.usda.gov/coronavirus>

**CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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

**Virginia Cooperative Extension COVID-19 Resources**

<https://ext.vt.edu/covid-19updates/resources.html>

**Food Safety and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (FDA)**

Provides guidance on a variety of topics including Food Supply; Social Distancing, Disinfecting & Other Precautions; and Workers Testing Positive for the illness.

[https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-](https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19?utm_campaign=FoodCOVID_04042020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=2494986054D261C26412DF6384D68BCA&elq=8be13f04bfa04b8899690b3fbd8c0d5e&elqaid=11966&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=10102#april4)

[19?utm\\_campaign=FoodCOVID\\_04042020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=2494986054D261C26412DF6384D68BCA&elq=8be13f04bfa04b8899690b3fbd8c0d5e&elqaid=11966&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=10102#april4](https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19?utm_campaign=FoodCOVID_04042020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua&elqTrackId=2494986054D261C26412DF6384D68BCA&elq=8be13f04bfa04b8899690b3fbd8c0d5e&elqaid=11966&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=10102#april4)

**Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick (CDC)**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf>

**What to Do if You Have COVID-19 Confirmed Positive or Exposed Workers in Your Food Production, Storage, or Distribution Operations Regulated by FDA**

<https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/what-do-if-you-have-covid-19-confirmed-positive-or-exposed-workers-your-food-production-storage-or>



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**International Association for Food Protection Resources - a comprehensive resource guide to various organizational links associated with COVID-19**

<http://www.foodprotection.org/resources/covid-19-resources/>

**Helpful Resources to Answer Your Questions About COVID-19** (Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association)

<https://www.gfvga.org/page/covid-19>

**National Governor's Association Coronavirus Page** - gives information on each state's response including aid and relief programs as well as testing/results for each state

<https://www.nga.org/coronavirus/>

**Communications Resources for Farm Businesses During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dZzfXVlij65RDnb1A26Pgnr9yZ64rmW72Oep-FwufeE/edit?mc\\_cid=071c1613b3&mc\\_eid=%5BUNIQID%5D](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dZzfXVlij65RDnb1A26Pgnr9yZ64rmW72Oep-FwufeE/edit?mc_cid=071c1613b3&mc_eid=%5BUNIQID%5D)

## **Best Practices**

**Social Distancing Ideas** (Food Northwest)

<https://www.foodnorthwest.org/food-northwest-social-distancing-in-food-mfg>

**Use of Cloth Face Coverings** (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

**Use of Respirators, Facemasks, and Cloth Face Coverings in the Food and Agriculture Sector During Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic**

<https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/use-respirators-facemasks-and-cloth-face-coverings-food-and-agriculture-sector-during-coronavirus>

**Wake Forest Study on Face Covering Materials**

<https://newsroom.wakehealth.edu/News-Releases/2020/04/Testing-Shows-Type-of-Cloth-Used-in-Homemade-Masks-Makes-a-Difference>

**New England Journal of Medicine on Stability of SARS-CoV-2 on Surfaces**

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMc2004973>

**Cleaning and Disinfecting** (CDC)

[https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fcleaning-disinfection.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fcleaning-disinfection.html)



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## **EPA List N (Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2)**

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

## **COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfection for Human-Touch Surfaces Guide (FMI – The Food Industry Association)**

[https://www.fmi.org/docs/default-source/food-safety/covid-19-cleaning-and-disinfection-for-human-touch-surfaces.pdf?sfvrsn=6fed8e1\\_0](https://www.fmi.org/docs/default-source/food-safety/covid-19-cleaning-and-disinfection-for-human-touch-surfaces.pdf?sfvrsn=6fed8e1_0)

## **Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up/Delivery Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

<https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/best-practices-retail-food-stores-restaurants-and-food-pick-updelivery-services-during-covid-19>

## **Food Industry Association (FMI) - Guides to help develop your own coronavirus protocols**

<https://www.fmi.org/food-safety/coronavirus>

## **Food Industry Recommended Protocols When Employee/Customer Tests Positive for COVID- 19**

<https://www.nmpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3-23-20-Positive-Test-Protocol-Final.pdf>

## **News Stories – Myth Busters**

### **Why experts aren't warning about COVID-19 in food (Morning AgClips)**

<https://www.morningagclips.com/why-experts-arent-warning-about-covid-19-in-food/>

### **World Health Organization Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public: Myth busters**

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

### **Coronavirus myths explored**

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/coronavirus-myths-explored>

## **Food Preservation Resources**

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- Publications for home food preservation



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- [https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/tags.resource.html/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu:food-preservation](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/tags.resource.html/pubs_ext_vt_edu:food-preservation)
- **Contact local Extension office for more information**
  - <http://www.ext.vt.edu>

#### **National Center for Home Food Preservation**

- <https://nchfp.uga.edu/>

#### **So Easy to Preserve**

- <https://setp.uga.edu/>

#### **Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving**

- <http://freshpreserving.com>
- Visit local department store, hardware store, farm supply store, etc.
- **National Presto Industries**
  - <http://gopresto.com>

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#### **Virginia Fresh Produce Safety Website**

A comprehensive website of the food safety work we are doing in Virginia.

<http://www.hort.vt.edu/producesafety/>

#### **Virginia Fresh Produce Food Safety Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaFreshProduceFoodSafetyTeam/>



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