

COVID-19 update: FDA issues best practices for retail food establishments and food delivery; FSIS issues notice on use of PPE by inspectors

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This post summarizes two recent steps by the federal government to provide food safety guidance in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

First, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a fact sheet and corresponding summary infographic on Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up and Delivery Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic to protect workers and customers. FDA's recommendations address how retail food establishments can prepare and deliver food safely to the public and suggestions for employee health and personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitizing, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

Second, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) issued a notice to FSIS inspectors providing guidance on the use of protective face coverings to limit the spread of COVID-19.

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