Health Guidance for Restaurants and Similar Food Facilities

Can COVID-19 spread through food?

According to the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control, there is currently no evidence to support the transmission of COVID-19 by food.

Recommended strategies to prevent exposure to COVID-19 during drive-through, delivery, or pick up:

- Promote online ordering, phone orders, drive-thru, and online payments.
- Close in-restaurant dining and only allow drive-through or other pick-up/delivery options.
- Remind employees to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Provide access to alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol.
- Increase routine cleaning and disinfecting on all frequently touched surfaces.
- Ensure physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet between non-family members during food pick up.
- Do not allow employees that are sick to work.
- Designate a clean area where customers and delivery services can pick up their food with minimal contact.
- When packing food, minimize barehanded contact with food containers and delivery bags.
- When making delivery, place item(s) on the front porch to minimize contact.

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