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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Food Safety Guide

The Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH) is monitoring the COVID-19 situation and working closely with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), healthcare providers, and all sectors within our community.

What is Coronavirus 2019?

A respiratory illness caused by a new Coronavirus (Covid-19).

Description of symptoms: Cough, fever, and shortness of breath. **How does the virus spread?**

Mainly person-to-person spread between individuals within about 6' of one another. When an infected person coughs or sneezes, respiratory droplets are produced and can be transmitted by inhaling, touching an item contaminated with the virus and then rubbing your eyes, touching your mouth, or preparing food with contaminated hands.

Keep Food Safe - You can help!

Protect Customers & Yourself

- Stay home if you are sick and report symptoms of illness to your manager
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- If you have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19, or are concerned you may have been, please contact your healthcare provider for assistance
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Practice proper hand washing and glove use procedures ensure hands are washed with soap and hot water (100F) for at least 20 seconds – hand sanitizer is not an approved substitute for hand washing at food service establishments

Prevent Contamination

- Continue use of approved sanitizers as stated in the 2009 Food Code
 *If a disinfectant is used in addition to sanitizer on food contact surfaces, ensure it is approved for use on this type of surface
- Clean surfaces that are touched often, such as equipment handles, door knobs, counters, restrooms, and menus
- Ensure proper sanitizer and test kits are available for staff
- Utilize disposable plates, cups, or silverware to prevent contact with dishware if necessary

Additional Safeguards – Consider offering as a courtesy for customers

- Provide customers with extra napkins and make tissues readily available
- Provide hand sanitizer for customers *must be 60% alcohol to be effective

Questions or Concerns

- Please contact your assigned health inspector with food safety questions regarding Coronavirus
- For further information please visit: www.miChigan.gov/coronavirus and www.cdc.gov/covid19

