Grocery stores can play an important role in both protecting their employees and their customers from COVID-19 infections by following the below personal and environmental hygiene practices.

- **Daily check employees’ wellness and ensure employees stay home when they are sick with fever, coughing, and sneezing.**

- **Ensure that employees practice washing their hands thoroughly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds upon first arriving to work, after using the restroom, before and after eating and frequently throughout the day. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**

- **Provide alcohol based (60%) hand sanitizers** for use for both employees and customers by placing them at convenient/accessible locations. Ensure there is a way to sanitize shopping cart and basket handles – either by making wipes easily accessible to customers or by having employees manage the process and sanitize between each customer use.

- **Frequently sanitize commonly touched surfaces and objects** such as electronics, door knobs, faucet handles, counter tops, cash machine key pads, shopping cart handles frequently throughout the day. Change the sanitizing solution at least once every four hours.

- **Prohibit self-serve foods**, including hot bars, cold bars and buffets.

- **Prohibit product sampling.**

- **Appoint a designated sanitation worker** at all times to continuously clean and sanitize commonly touched surfaces.

- **Appoint a designated personnel that will ensure the social distancing requirements to any lines that form inside or outside of the store.** In areas of high-volume traffic, utilize spacing tools for checks and lines. Put tape on the floor to keep customers adequately spaced.

- **Consider temporarily assigning employees at high risk for coronavirus to non-public-contact duties**, such as people with underlying health conditions, people 60 or older, people with underlying health conditions, those with weakened immune systems or those who are pregnant.

- **Offer designated shopping hours for high-risk customers.**

- **Prominently display signage in the store** that communicates with customers and staff the steps they are taking to minimize the risk of COVID-19.

If you are a food business owner or a food worker and have questions related to your operation please reach out to your Local Health Department. For the latest information, please visit the following site: [www.kycovid19.ky.gov](http://www.kycovid19.ky.gov).