

Retail Food Establishment COVID-19 Guidance

Important Role of Retail Food Establishments in COVID-19 Response

Retail Food Establishments will be impacted by COVID-19 and can play a role in limiting community spread. The best practices for retail food establishments are continuous and diligent implementation of the elements of the food code that help prevent illness. Additionally, the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment is issuing the following mandates for all retail food establishments. Failure to implement these mandates shall lead to closure of the facility.

- Restricting food service to drive through, pick-up, and delivery only.
- Eliminate all self-service including (buffets, salad bars, beverages).
- Ensure staff are eating and drinking only in designated areas and washing their hands upon returning to work.
- At your main entrance, provide sign informing customers there will be no dining-in. Ensure at the main entrance of your establishment, you provide a cleaning station with alcohol-based hand sanitizer, tissues, and a trashcan for visitors.
- Post signs instructing guests not to enter if they are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, etc.). Signs can be found at pueblohealth.org.
- Heightened monitoring of employees for signs of illness, if ill send employee home.
- Monitor employees to ensure staff are washing their hands frequently and correctly.
- During routine business hours, frequently and thoroughly clean and disinfect all frequently touched objects within customer areas (doorknobs, cabinet handles, handrails, light switches, kitchen counters, dining room tables). Use Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved chemicals and follow the instructions on the label.
- Deep clean and disinfect the entire facility at least two times per week using CDC and EPA approved chemicals and follow the instructions on the label.
- Instruct staff to cough or sneeze into their sleeved arm or cover their nose and mouth with a tissue. Throw away tissue after use and wash hands.
- Instruct staff to NOT share cups and eating utensils with others.
- Instruct staff to avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth.

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