Interim Guidance for Grocery Stores

This document summarizes CUPHD’s recommendations regarding COVID-19 for grocery stores. This guidance will be reviewed and updated by CUPHD on March 31, 2020 and will be extended as needed.

Updated guidance for social/physical distancing: if gatherings are necessary, limit the number of people to 10.

General Prevention

To prevent the spread of the coronavirus and protect your staff and customers from becoming infected:

- Wash hands frequently with warm water and soap for 20 seconds
- Everyone - staff and customers - should practice social distancing: people remaining 6 feet apart from each other as much as possible
- Staff experiencing a fever, cough, or shortness of breath should not work
- Avoid touching your face, especially eyes, nose, and mouth, with unwashed hands
- Disinfect ”high touch” surfaces frequently with products that have been E.P.A approved.

Preventative Actions Specific to Grocery Stores

Consider implementing capacity restrictions: There should be enough space in the store for everyone (staff & customers) to be able to maintain 6 feet distance from each other. At particularly busy times, monitor at the door, and have people wait in their cars until safe to come in.

Require that only 1 person can check out at a time. Put colored tape on the floor for people to wait behind until customer is finished paying. Use signage to indicate only 1 person should be checking out at a time, even if multiple people are shopping together.

Cashiers should be extra cautious to not touch their face while handling money. Some workers handling money choose to wear gloves. This is not required, as hand washing is even more effective, but can be beneficial for employees who would be more comfortable with gloves.

Maintain social distancing in waiting lines: Tape indicators placed 6 feet apart on the floor to help customers honor the 6 foot distance recommendation. Ex:

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