Resources for Food Shelves re: COVID prevention, response to a positive case, and winter distribution

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A. General
1. Centers for Disease Control - Considerations for Food Pantries and Food Distribution Sites
2. Minnesota Department of Health - Materials and Resources for COVID-19 Response - Posters and Signs - includes signage for mask-wearing, printables for directing social distancing, and more, all in multiple languages.

B. COVID Prevention and Safety
1. Components of COVID safety
   a. Masks and PPE
   b. Handwashing and sanitation
   c. Screenings
   d. Distribution protocols
2. Sample Resource Links
   a. COVID-19 Food Safety Resources | NC State Extension
   b. Best Practices for Grocery Store Employees
   c. Protect Yourself & Others: COVID-19

C. COVID Response to a Positive Case Associated with the Food Shelf
1. Components of COVID Response
   a. Contact tracing & informing local public health/emergency management
   b. Informing those who may have been exposed
   c. Informing key partners and stakeholders about your response
      i. Communicating about closures to OEO, food bank
      ii. Cleaning and re-opening plan
      iii. Communication to clients
         1. Back-up food distribution plan for clients while food shelf is closed
2. Sample Resource Links
   b. If You Are Sick: COVID-19
   c. Visitor and Employee Health Screening Checklist (PDF)
   d. Employee Exposure to COVID-19: Contact Tracing Guidelines for Employers

D. Winter Transition Plans
1. How winter may affect COVID prevention or COVID response at a food shelf
2. Sample Resource Links
   a. Tips for Small Town Stores: Curbside Pickup and Delivery Model
   b. How food shelves are responding to COVID-19