

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
 - a. [Symptoms and Testing: COVID-19](#)
 - 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](#)