

COVID-19 Q&A's

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<p>When will businesses reopen?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will be determined by our elected officials, primarily our Governor. Then we will look to our County Commissioners, Mayor and Henry County Health Board.
<p>Why can't small businesses be open if they can limit the number of shoppers to 10 or less at one time?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is impossible to go around and clean every piece of merchandise that you have that someone could have touched. • It doesn't always have to determine the number of people, but the longer someone stays in a store/space, the more germs are able to be in that space.
<p>Guidance on keeping employees safe when it is time to re-open?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage sick employees to stay home or go home if they get sick at work • Promote proper etiquette on coughing, sneezing, washing hands, etc. (Cough or sneeze in elbows, not hands and washing hands) • Perform routine environmental cleaning (High touch areas) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CDC gives us guidelines for appropriate chemicals that will kill COVID-19. https://www.cdc.gov/ ○ Step 1: Wash surface that is soiled or dirty with soap or water, then sanitize afterwards. ○ Sanitizing a surface: Read directions on the bottle/chemical. Most times, it says that the chemical needs to stay on the surface damp or saturated for approximately 10 minutes. • Implement to minimize as much face-to-face contact as possible • Placement of employees – farther from one another and customers • Install barriers/sneeze guards <p>(MASKS) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require masks/respirators? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is appropriate for my workplace? (Ranked in 4 categories: Very High, High, Medium, Lower Risk) ○ Written plan per OSHA (Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19) https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What kind of mask/respirator? ▪ Storage ▪ Cleaning/disinfecting ○ Employer must pay • Voluntary masks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allow if employees feel safer ○ Provide a copy of the standard to your employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OSHA - Addendum D: https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.134AppD ○ Employee pays for own masks

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<p>Are masks and gloves necessary?</p>	<p>The proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks: The CDC has said that if you go out in public, then you need to have on a mask (Children 2 years and under – DO NOT put a face mask on) • Cloth face masks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make sure they fit snugly, but comfortably beside the face ○ Secured with ear loops or tied ○ Multiple layers of fabric to keep germs from getting through ○ Make sure you can breathe without any restriction ○ Laundry masks afterwards ○ As soon as they become soiled or damaged, get rid of them • Glove use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wearing gloves inappropriately is just as bad as not wearing gloves at all ○ If you choose to wear gloves, treat them as you would your hands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do not touch your face ▪ Throw gloves away after use ▪ You can put the hand sanitizer on the gloves ○ If you are washing hands and using hand sanitizer like you should, then gloves are not necessary • WASH HANDS! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ #1 way to prevent the spread of infection
<p>Are face shields better than masks?</p>	<p>For anyone who is not in healthcare a cloth face mask is the recommended method. Face Shields at this point are a tool for medical staff.</p>
<p>Is taking the employees' temperature a best practice?</p>	<p>Taking employee's temperature before the shift is a best practice.</p>
<p>If an employee has a temperature and later tests positive for the virus, can you tell how long the employee had the virus when their temperature was taken?</p>	<p>No, a temperature reading is not indicative of the virus gestation period.</p>