

COVID-19 BEST PRACTICES



WHAT MINNESOTANS CAN DO TO SAFELY SHOP

To ensure a safe and seamless shopping trip for shoppers and grocery store workers, please follow these recommended best practices during the COVID-19 crisis.

- Practice social distancing throughout your shopping trip - keep at least 6 feet between you, other shoppers, and store employees. It is equally important to create the distance in aisles, service counters, as at check out.
- Wear a face covering or mask while you are in the store.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- Streamline your trip by making a list in advance, and have only one family member do the shopping.
- Check your local store's special hours or new procedures.
- Buy smart and don't overfill your carts. The nation's food supply is strong.
- Buy only 1 to 2 weeks worth of groceries at a time.
- Team members are working diligently making sure shelves are stocked. Be respectful of workers in the aisles and social distancing.
- Team members continually wipe down and disinfect all surfaces. But feel free to also carry your own wipes, or use one provided by the store to wipe down cart and basket handles before shopping.
- Keep social distance in the check out lane. Allow time for cashier to clean all belts and areas prior to unloading your groceries.
- Avoid gathering around displays and registers, keep moving throughout the store.
- Avoid handling any items in the store unless it is for purchase. Use your eyes to inspect, not your hands.
- When using personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, wipes, or disposable face coverings please discard responsibly.
- Watch flow of store, enter and exit at only marked doors.
- Be patient and allot more time to shop.

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