



## MINNESOTA GROCERS ASSOCIATION

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Minnesota Grocers Association Statement on Industry Updates and Protocols**

As the leading resource for the food industry of the state, the Minnesota Grocers Association is proud to represent an industry who provides essential support to our communities in this time of need. In response to Governor Walz's recent Stay at Home Order, Minnesotans can be assured that we are open for business and that food and essential supplies remain plentiful.

On behalf of the Minnesota food industry we ask our neighbors to please consider following these tips when shopping at their local stores:

- Practice social distancing by allowing six feet between yourself and others as recommended by the CDC. Streamline your trip by making a list and having only one family member do the shopping. We encourage patience and assistance in the checkout lane as we practice extra cleaning procedures. Team members are diligently working to make customers' shopping quick and efficient.
- Buy smart and don't overfill your carts. There is no shortage of product. The nation's food supply is strong. We continue to receive deliveries every day to keep your pantry stocked. We encourage Minnesotans to remain calm and mindful as they shop. Overbuying can prevent your neighbor from providing for their family.
- Sorry, no returns. As an added layer of precaution, Minnesota grocers have adjusted their return policies. This is to ensure the well-being of team members and our customers.
- If you see some new products in your store give them a try. As an industry, we are working closely with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to bring farm to table and find new opportunities. We are building partnerships with local farmers/producers that lost their direct markets to schools, restaurants, and bars to keep our state's economy moving forward.

As we navigate these challenging times, the food industry remains strong and all facets from farm to fork are looking to hire full-time, part-time, and temporary employees. Visit [www.mngrocers.com](http://www.mngrocers.com) to see a list of member-companies who are hiring.

The Minnesota food industry remains steadfast in its commitment to consumers, careers, and community. As the leading resource for the food industry of the state, the MGA is proud to represent an industry who provides essential support to our communities in this time of need.

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*The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are a legacy organization, having served the industry for over 120 years. We have over 300 retail, manufacturer, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.*