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## QUESTION

Can COVID-19 be spread/transmitted through food?



## ANSWER

There is currently **no medical** or scientific evidence that food is a likely source or route of transmission of the virus. Consumers are advised to practice **5 keys to Food Safety**;

Wash hands regularly and between cooking steps



Sanitize work surfaces, Use separate cutting boards for raw meats, vegetables and produce, and cooked foods, Cook foods thoroughly to safe temperatures. Separate raw and cooked foods.



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## QUESTION

How long does COVID-19 last on surfaces?



## ANSWER

According to the World Health Organization, it is not certain how long the virus that causes COVID-19 survives on surfaces, but it seems to behave like other coronaviruses. Studies suggest that coronaviruses (including preliminary information on the COVID-19 virus) may persist on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days. This may vary under different conditions (e.g. type of surface, temperature or humidity of the environment).

If you think a surface may be contaminated, always apply caution and clean surfaces with a common household disinfectant to kill the virus and protect yourself and others. Clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.



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## QUESTION

Do you recommend additional packaging wipe down and sanitation procedures for transportation of product?



## ANSWER

There is currently no recommendation to include additional packaging wipe down and additional sanitation procedures for transportation of product. Care should be exercised to ensure that packaging is not contaminated in any way. In general, human coronaviruses are not particularly stable on dry surfaces. Inactivation in dry conditions generally occurs within a period from a few hours to a couple of days. Due to the low environmental stability of coronaviruses, a transmission of the pathogen via this method seems unlikely in most cases. The drivers and handlers are therefore requested to practice good hand hygiene regularly.



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## QUESTION

Should a facility be closed if an employee tests Positive for COVID -19?

## ANSWER

According to Environmental Health rules, the facility must be closed as a precautionary measure. A decontamination process and Risk Assessment will be done to ensure no risks exist in the facility and to the employees.

