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## Best Practices for Re-Opening Retail Food Establishments During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Colleagues,

FDA is providing a food safety re-opening [checklist](#) for previously closed retail food establishments or those that have been open with limited service related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This checklist addresses key food safety practices for retail food establishments to consider when re-opening and restarting operations. This is not a comprehensive list. We encourage retail food establishments to partner with local regulatory/health authorities to discuss the specific requirements for their retail food establishment prior to re-opening.

### Additional References:

- [Best Practices for Re-Opening Retail Food Establishments During the COVID-19 Pandemic Infographic](#)
- [Food Safety and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Questions & Answers for Industry](#)
- [Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up/Delivery Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [What Grocery and Food Retail Workers Need to Know about COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Businesses and Employers \(CDC\)](#)
- [Stop the Spread of Germs \(CDC\)](#)
- [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes \(CDC\)](#)
- [List of EPA-registered Disinfectants \(EPA\)](#)
- [FDA Food Code](#)
- [Date Labels on Packaged Foods](#)
- [Letter to Industry Concerning "Best if Used By" Date](#)
- [4 Key Steps to Food Safety: Always — Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill](#)
- **Employee Health**
  - [FDA's Employee Health and Personal Hygiene Handbook](#)
  - [Use of Respirators, Facemasks, and Cloth Face Coverings in the Food and Agriculture Sector During Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#)
  - [Interim Guidance for Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers Who May Have Had Exposure to a Person with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)
  - [Interim Guidance for Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 Not in Healthcare Settings \(CDC\)](#)
  - [Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)
  - [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 \(OSHA\)](#)

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