

Best Practices for Businesses

Wadena County



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Guidance for customers:

- Post signage to encourage social distancing
- Use floor graphics or tape to indicate 6 foot spacing throughout customer space
- Provide hand sanitizer at entrances for customer use
- Provide sanitizing wipes at entrances for customers to wipe down carts before using
- Discourage the use of re-usable bags/totes; instead use new paper or plastic bags
- If customer brings reusable bags/totes; customer should bag their own purchases
- Encourage the use of debit/credit cards, to decrease the need for the touching of cash/checks
- Encourage customers not to enter building if they are coughing, sneezing or have a fever
- Consider providing customer curbside pickup of orders; such as for special circumstances

Handwashing:

- Post signage to encourage frequent hand washing/sanitizing
- Provide soap and water in the workplace
- If no soap and water available, provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol)
- Provide paper towels for drying hands if air dryer is not used

Surfaces:

- Provide disposable disinfectant wipes for surface cleaning
- Ensure frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Regularly clean and disinfect all surfaces before and after use

Supporting Employees:

- Ensure employees who are sick don't come to work
- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet throughout the business
- Provide alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) for employee use
- Discourage workers from using others' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment.
- Provide tissues and no-touch disposal receptacles for waste
- Ensure frequent emptying of trash receptacles
- Encourage no-contact methods of greeting customers and co-workers
- No hand shaking
- Install plastic sneeze guards or other physical barriers, where feasible

Protective Equipment for Employees whose job duties do not require routine use of masks/gloves:

- Face masks provide a physical barrier that helps prevent transmission from an ill person to a well person. Use of face masks is not routinely recommended by CDC.
- CDC may change this recommendation during this COVID 19 situation
- There is currently a shortage of disposable surgical and N95 masks for health care workers who are the priority group to receive available masks.
- Employers may allow employees to wear a mask if available to them e.g. a homemade mask.
- Masks should be put on and taken off with care. Make sure hands are clean during this process.
- Employers may allow employees to wear gloves if they are available. Gloves are not a substitute for cleaning your hands. Your hands can get contaminated while wearing or while removing gloves. Clean your hands after removing gloves. Do not touch your face with your gloved hands.
- Masks and gloves for businesses are not available at this time through government sources.