

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT (SUCH AS RETAIL AND WHOLESALE GROCERY STORES) GUIDELINES:

In addition to the applicable requirements above, Food Establishments (such as retail and wholesale grocery stores), as defined by Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 40-7-1-02 but not to include food processing plants or wholesale sandwich and salad manufacturers, shall implement additional measures to those listed above as practicable. Such measures may include, but shall not be limited to the following, which shall be implemented to the maximum extent practicable:

1. Scheduling specific hours of operation for vulnerable populations to shop without other patrons;
2. Reducing store hours to allow for increased cleaning and sanitation while the store is closed;
3. Enacting policies and procedures to encourage Social Distancing for patrons and employees. Measures may include:
 - Protective Plexiglass screens at service counters and at cash registers;
 - Decals on the floor or aisles with messaging on Social Distancing;
 - Signs throughout the store giving visuals on Social Distancing;
 - Limited occupancy if store becomes too crowded; and
 - Use of one-way aisles
4. Providing Personal Protective Equipment as available and appropriate to the function and location of the worker within the business location;
5. Encouraging patrons to wear face coverings;
6. Utilizing in-store messaging to educate and remind patrons and employees on recommended hygiene and Social Distancing;
7. Adding additional workers to specifically oversee increased sanitation of grocery carts, and other high-touch areas such as door handles, point of sales equipment, conveyor belts, and other surfaces;
8. Checking restrooms regularly, cleaning and sanitizing based on frequency of use, and always ensuring adequate supply of soap and paper towels;
9. Allowing time for frequent hand washing for employees, including cashiers, that interact directly with patrons;
10. Increasing or adding hand sanitizing stations around stores for patrons and employees; and
11. Procuring options with third-party cleaning companies to assist with the increased cleaning demands as needed.