

COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR HAULERS

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has created a national emergency and an unprecedented public health crisis. The situation is changing rapidly and impacting the communities that we serve. President Trump's Policy Directive 21 designates the food and agriculture sector as a critical infrastructure sector. This directive will keep the pipeline of milk from the farm to marketplace moving even as other industries are required to close.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- There has been NO evidence of the transmission of COVID-19 to humans from food or food packaging.
- Food products do not have to be placed on-hold or recalled if an employee at a food facility is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Milk haulers are deemed to be "essential" and all levels of government are encouraged to recognize this and allow milk haulers to travel at this time.
- The effectiveness of the ongoing efforts by FDA and other government agencies is dependent upon a strong public-private partnership that takes precautions to minimize the spread of the virus.

HAULER OPERATIONS

Hauling companies should maintain a plan for the following:

- How essential tasks will be accomplished should employee(s) miss time due to illness
- You will be informed by a local dispatch should changes to normal deliveries occur
- Require that only essential personnel are visiting farms and processing facilities – **Passengers should not be present**
- Be aware that facilities can deny access if a driver shows flu-like symptoms
- Provide your drivers with copy of the Critical Infrastructure Certification and require them to have it with them at all times.
- Abide by the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control regarding what to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the following steps should be followed while collecting milk at member farms and delivering to processing facilities:

- Drivers should be only entering essential areas of the farm/plant
- Drivers should only be in contact with essential farm/plant personnel
 - Do not share breakrooms with farm/plant personnel
 - Avoid non-essential conversations or hand shaking
- Drivers should maintain disinfecting wipes for cleaning contact surfaces within cab of truck, especially if truck is used by multiple drivers
- Drivers should be practicing good personal hygiene including:
 - Laundered/clean clothing
 - Frequent hand washing
 - Wear gloves while on farm and dispose of gloves and wash hands before departure
 - Carry hand sanitizer and use after coming in contact with frequently touched surfaces
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth

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