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Self-Service Food Stations in Retail Food Establishments



All retail food establishments that are regulated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture are permitted to resume use of their self-service food stations in accordance with guidance from the Department of Health:

Mandatory

- Customers who use self-serve food stations must wear facial coverings. Those unable to wear a facial covering must be served by an employee.
- Hand sanitizer must be placed at self-serve food stations and used by customers prior to serving themselves.
- At least 6 feet of social distancing must be maintained between customers and monitored by employees.
- Use pre-wrapped disposable serving utensils if available. If not available, serving utensils must be replaced or cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- Use of individually packaged condiments is recommended instead of shared or bulk condiment dispensers.
- Commonly touched surfaces must be cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- While in operation, self-serve areas must be continually monitored by staff who are trained in food safety.
- Food must be protected from contamination, including sneeze guards on self-serve equipment.
- These requirements do not apply to the sale of fresh, uncut fruit or produce.

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