

# COVID-19 and FOOD SAFETY FAQ

Is coronavirus a concern with food delivery or takeout?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are not aware of any reports at this time that suggest COVID-19 can be transmitted by food or food packaging. Food businesses should be following employee health policies and instructing sick employees to stay home.

## What are the risks from takeout or drive-thru food?

- Currently, there is no indication that takeout or drive-thru food will increase illness.
- This option is a good risk management choice, especially for high risk and elderly groups because it helps maintain social distancing and reduces the number of touch points.

## What are the risks of food delivered to my home?

- Similar to takeout, food delivery helps maintain social distancing and reduces the number of touch points between preparation and serving of food.
- Many delivery programs have also instituted no touch/no interaction options, which further reduces risk.

## Can I get COVID-19 from touching food or packaging exposed to coronavirus?

- Currently, there is no evidence of food or food packaging being associated with transmission of COVID-19.
- Like other viruses, it is possible that the virus can survive on surfaces or objects, so it is critical to follow safe food handling guidelines and wash your hands (and/or use hand sanitizer) after handling food packaging.

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