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Public Health Officials Encourage Food Service Operators to Contact the Sampson County Health Department if any employee is suspected of having Covid-19

Due to the increasing presence of Covid-19 in our community population we are sending this notice out to remind you that if you have an employee of your establishment that is suspected to have Covid-19, you should immediately contact the Sampson County Health Department for guidance **before taking action**. You can contact the Sampson County Health Department at 910-490-1056 or 910-592-1131 and a member of our clinical staff will assist you with the next steps to take to protect your staff and the public you serve.

FDA has updated their guidance for retail food service during the COVID-19 outbreak. This information is the best available and should be referenced when making decisions. The following website contains all of the FDA guidance <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/best-practices-retail-food-stores-restaurants-and-food-pick-up-delivery-services-during-covid-19>

CDC has also developed detailed guidance that can be used and shared for workers in critical infrastructure, including food service, that have been exposed to COVID-19. This guidance should help answer some of the questions that you have been receiving. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>