



COVID-19 AND FOOD SAFETY FAQ

HANDLING GROCERIES

HOW SHOULD I HANDLE GROCERIES WHEN I GET HOME? CAN I BRING THEM INSIDE RIGHT AWAY?

- There is no indication that food or food packaging material has served in significant connection to virus transmission.
- Handling of food packaging should be followed with handwashing and/or hand sanitizer.
- It is **NOT** recommended to store groceries outside of the home, in cars or garages. This could lead to food safety issues like temperature abuse and pest exposure.

SHOULD PRODUCE BE WASHED BEFORE EATING? SHOULD SOAP OR A DISINFECTANT BE USED?

- Washing produce before eating is always a good idea.
- It is **NOT** recommended to wash produce with dish soap or any detergent.
- It is **NOT** recommended to treat produce with chemical disinfectants at home.

HOW SHOULD I HANDLE GROCERIES FOR SOMEONE WHO IS IN VULNERABLE POPULATION?

- If shopping for someone else, best practice is to drop off groceries while maintaining social distance.
- If entering a home to care for someone, wash hands immediately upon arrival, while unpacking and before providing direct care.