

COVID19 and Agriculture

The COVID19 pandemic has changed daily life, activities, and business in the Granite State. The best sources for up-to-date information on the evolving public health emergency are: www.nh.gov/covid19/ and www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

The department is providing additional curated guidance documents about COVID19 as pertains to agriculture.

Notice:

The Governor's executive order, <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/orders-2020/documents/2020-04.pdf>, is the authoritative source for operating during the emergency declaration. It provides that:

- No state agency has the authority to change statute, rule, or regulation in response to the Emergency Declaration. That authority rests with the Governor and any designee he has approved in writing.
- All guidance originates from the state's Joint Information Center. This streamlines the delivery of information and ensures that guidance supports the goals of New Hampshire's response.
- Any guidance referenced on this page has been aggregated from approved public guidance as a convenience to the user and should not be interpreted as generated by the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food.

Personal protection, symptoms, self-quarantine, disinfection, etc.

<https://www.nh.gov/covid19/faqs/documents/covid-19-faq.pdf>

Businesses

The Governor's March 16, 2020 emergency order does not apply to the day-to-day operations of businesses other than those specifically noted within (<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/documents/emergency-order-2.pdf>) View all orders: <https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/>

Absent further restrictions imposed by emergency order, business owners should implement changes to their business operations that they feel are appropriate. Businesses of all types have modified daily

operations to provide increased public safety - this has included reducing or eliminating public access to buildings and operations.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html> (CDC)
- <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/businesses.htm> (NH DHHS)

Small businesses may be eligible for economic disaster assistance through the Small Business Administration. Information is available online at www.nheconomy.com/covid19.

Food Producers, Food Safety

- <https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/food-safety-and-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> (FDA)

Animals

The current spread of COVID-19 is a result of human to human transmission. To date, there is no evidence that companion animals can spread the disease. Therefore, there is no justification in taking measures against companion animals which may compromise their welfare. World Organization for Animal Health (OIE); March 9, 2020.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/animals.html>
- www.oie.int/scientific-expertise/specific-information-and-recommendations/questions-and-answers-on-2019novel-coronavirus/

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