

Subpart D: Health and Hygiene

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule has certain requirements for covered farms. Subpart D focuses on the health and hygiene of those involved in the growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of covered produce.

Unwell Persons

Operations covered by the Produce Safety Rule must take measures to prevent contamination of covered produce or food contact surfaces from those who are ill or infected. Symptoms may include:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Open lesion
- Infection

Those with applicable conditions must be excluded from working in positions which could contaminate produce or food contact surfaces.



Personnel Requirements

At a minimum, all personnel who handle covered produce during covered activities must use the following hygienic practices:

- Maintain adequate personal cleanliness
- Avoid contact with animals. When working with working animals, minimize contamination of covered produce
- Proper handwashing
- If using gloves, keeping them in an intact and sanitary condition
- Remove or cover any jewelry which cannot be cleaned or sanitized
- No eating, chewing gum or tobacco use in areas used for covered activities
- Notify a supervisor or responsible party if they have an applicable health condition

Visitors

Health and hygiene requirements also apply to visitors on your operation. A visitor is any person who enters your covered farm with your permission. Visitors must:

- Be aware of and comply with your farms policies and procedures regarding health and hygiene
- Have access to toilet and handwashing facilities

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