



## U-Pick/Agricultural Tourism Farm Guidance during the COVID-19 Pandemic

This guidance was updated December of 2020 after the Governor implemented the [County Risk Level](#) framework to help Oregon's U-Pick, direct sales, and agricultural tourism farms during COVID-19.

***Can U-Pick farms and agricultural tourism operate during the COVID-19 pandemic? Yes.***

U-Pick and agritourism operations must follow the Governor's Executive Orders, [OR-OSHA Infectious Disease Rule](#), and the [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) Retail Guidance](#) to remain open and operate safely. All businesses, including U-Pick, direct sales, and agricultural tourism farms, must follow the permissible activities depending on their county's risk level. Check [OHA County Risk Level](#) and the [Risk Level Guidance Chart](#) for regular updates.

**To help reduce transmission of COVID-19, farms must adopt the following practices:**

### OUTDOOR ON-FARM GUIDANCE

- **Physical distancing on-farm:** Farms that offer U-Pick/agricultural tourism activities must implement rigorous physical distancing policies. For example, businesses should:
  - Post [signage](#) at prominent locations to remind customers to remain 6 feet apart from those who are not a part of their group and keep children with them at all times.
  - Revise usual layout to limit congestion in normal high-traffic areas.
  - Set up operations to allow for proper distance between employees and customers.
- **Face coverings on-farm:** Employees and customers are required use a mask or face covering on the farm at all times. For additional details follow the [OHA Statewide Mask and Face Covering Guidance](#).
  - Post [signage](#) about required face coverings.
  - Customers are allowed to use their own masks and face coverings.
- **Minimize touchpoints:** Farms should reduce the number of touchpoints accessible to customers as much as possible. Best practices on the farm include:
  - Minimizing the handling of crops and products.
  - Product sampling is allowed under a take model only (follow the [OHA Retail Guidance](#) for sampling found on page 1).
  - Restrict operation of weigh stations, check-outs, and other facility operations to employees only.
  - Clean and sanitize any farm-provided reusable containers and high touchpoints between customers following [CDC guidelines](#).

### INDOOR ON-FARM GUIDANCE

- Non-farm stands that are indoor retail spaces need to implement [Appendix A-2 Mandatory Workplace Guidance for Retail Stores](#) of the OR-OSHA Infectious Disease Rule and [capacity limits](#) based on your county risk.
- For operations that provide food and beverage services, implement the [allowed practices](#) based on your county risk, and OHA's [Eating and Drinking Establishment](#) guidance.

### FOR CUSTOMERS

- Do not visit a farm if you are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have come in contact with someone with COVID-19.
- Strictly follow all on-farm guidelines, including physical distancing and face coverings.
- If bringing your own picking containers to the farm, they should be washed, disinfected, and rinsed before arrival following [CDC guidelines](#). Follow the disinfectant manufacturer's label directions.
- Children should remain with the family groups at all times.
- Do not sample products at any time and do not touch products you are not taking home with you.



### **Additional Resources**

SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19, is a virus that causes primarily respiratory illness, although vomiting and diarrhea have been reported in a subset of cases. Foodborne viruses, such as norovirus or hepatitis A, often make people ill through contaminated food. Currently, there is no evidence that COVID-19 is transmitted by food or food products. The virus is spread mainly from person-to-person, this includes people in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). It is also spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets may remain on surfaces or be transported in the air.

## **Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Resources**



## **Oregon Department of Agriculture COVID-19 Resources**

