

Assisting Retail Food Facilities with Reporting COVID-19 Positive Cases

Below is Yolo County Environmental Health's (YCEH) internal procedures for assisting retail food facilities when there is a reportable case of COVID-19. COVID-19 (Sars-CoV-2) is a reportable communicable disease. If a retail food facility becomes aware that an employee has tested positive for COVID-19, and they contact YCEH, direct the Person in Charge (PIC) to do the following:

1. Immediately exclude the employee from the retail food facility and close the facility to employees and customers. Advise PIC that Yolo County Public Health will work with them on how best to notify potentially exposed personnel and the next steps.
2. Call the Yolo County Public Health number listed on the Workplace Exposure Reporting form which is (530) 666-8614. You can email them this one-page handout which clearly indicates the step the business needs to take.
 - a. If we get any facility owners/operators emailing us about a COVID positive employee you can forward it to the HHS COVID-19 Provider email addresses which is: HHS.COVID19Provider@yolocounty.org
3. Advise PIC to clean and disinfect the facility according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidelines which can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
 - a. Advise PIC to take precautions when cleaning and disinfecting by ensuring the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) is used and that they follow the guidelines listed in the chemical's Safety Data Sheet (SDS) (The facility should contact their distributor for SDS sheets if they don't already have them. A chemical's SDS can usually be found online by searching for the manufacturer and the chemical name).
4. Contact Lewis and April to determine whether facility will need to temporarily close. Let the PIC know this is a possibility and that you will promptly advise them on the next steps once you have spoken to your management.