The following are best practices to help U-Pick Farms maintain the health and safety of employees and guests while on the farm during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is crucial that all farms take a proactive approach to avoid the spread of the virus.

1. Review all health and safety rules with employees.
2. Post signs to remind workers and visitors of COVID-19 protocols.
3. Require that all workers who show signs of illness stay home.
4. Require employees to wear gloves when handling money and, if possible, use payment cards to limit the handling of cash.
5. Increase the frequency of hand washing and sanitizing, especially after handling cash.
6. Disinfect all surfaces on a regular basis.
7. Communicate with visitors that if they feel ill, they should not come to the farm.
8. Provide increased handwashing stations and/or sanitizer to all guests and employees.
9. Require that all guests sanitize or wash hands before entering the field.
10. Enforce social distancing between on farm visitors.
11. Consider using online schedule for u-pick times and increasing hours or days of operation to avoid over crowding.
12. Postpone all large gatherings to avoid crowds.
13. Post additional signage reminding customers to wash all produce well before consuming.
14. Communicate your enhanced practices to customers by posting on social media, newsletters, or website.
15. Refer to EPAs List N: [Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2](https://www.epa.gov/covid-19/discharging-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2).

There has been no known transmission of COVID-19 through fresh produce.

It is a respiratory virus that spreads through person-to-person contact. It is crucial to maintain physical distance and follow food handling protocol as prescribed by [foodsafety.gov](https://www.foodsafety.gov). [4 Steps to Food Safety](https://www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-guidance/preventing-food-poisoning.html)

For further employer worksite requirements to prevent coronavirus transmission go to: [https://wsfb.com/employer-resources/](https://wsfb.com/employer-resources/)