

# Guidance for Public Weighmasters during COVID-19 Pandemic

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This guidance is based on what is currently known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19 and information made available by [Nevada Health Response](#). The Nevada Department Agriculture (NDA) will update this guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. Local agencies may have additional guidance and/or requirements regarding these operations in their jurisdiction.

### Recommended Precautions for Public Weighmasters

Agriculture and industries that support agriculture have been deemed “essential” under [Governor Sisolak’s directives](#). As the risk of transmission of COVID-19 remains high, it is important for everyone to take steps to reduce the risk of transmission.

### Public Weighmaster Guidance

In addition to proper maintenance and guidelines, the following should be considered.

#### Social distancing

- Maintain at least six feet of space between staff and clients at all times.
- Reduce the number of employees working in each shift and stagger shifts to ensure conditions allow for social distancing.
- When possible, request the client remain in their vehicle.
- When possible, allow for the use of digital signatures on weigh tickets so staff can remain in the station.

#### Cleaning and using protective equipment

- Staff should wear [face coverings](#) when interacting with clients and should refrain from touching the covering.
- Staff should avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Staff should wash hands often with warm water and soap or use an alcohol-based gel.
- Staff should wear single-use protective gloves when outside of their station. Staff should always wash their hands prior to putting on gloves and after removing them.
- Clean all contact surfaces frequently (handles, doors, switches, etc.).
- Equipment should be disinfected before and after each use and should not be shared between individuals if possible.

#### Monitoring illness

- Monitor staff and volunteers for signs of illness such as shortness of breath, coughing or fever.
- Anyone experiencing signs of illness should stay home, contact their healthcare provider and follow [CDC-recommended steps](#).
- If anyone becomes sick, the facility should:
  - Close off areas used by the sick person.

- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area. Wait 24 hours (or as long as possible) before you clean or disinfect.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the sick person, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, and shared electronic equipment like tablets and computers.
- Please reference the CDC's [Disinfecting Your Facility If Someone Is Sick](#) for guidance.

**Resources**

Latest updates related to Nevada agriculture industries during COVID-19 can be found at [agri.nv.gov/industry\\_resources\\_covid19](https://agri.nv.gov/industry_resources_covid19).