

# Guidance for Nursery Industry 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 Nurseries

The nursery industry falls under the category “agriculture” which has been deemed “essential” under [Governor Sisolak’s directives](#). However, without proper preventative measures as provided by the [Nevada Health Response](#), nurseries could also fall under the prohibited category “show rooms.” The department recognizes the critical role of nurseries in the agriculture industry, in addition to Nevada communities, which is why it is important that these establishments implement appropriate preventative steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

## Nursery Industry Guidance

### Social distancing

- Require all staff and customers to maintain at least six feet of space between each other.
- Limit number of customers allowed in the store at one time to 20-30% of the store’s capacity.
- Implement line spacing guidance for customers.
- Offer provisions for curbside pick-up.

### Cleaning and using protective equipment

- Application of [Guidance on Protecting Grocery Store Personnel](#) is recommended.
- Clean all contact surfaces frequently.
- Staff should avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Staff should wear [face coverings](#) at all times and should refrain from touching the covering.
- Staff should wash hands often with warm water and soap, or use an alcohol-based gel.
- Staff should wear single-use protective gloves if possible. They should be changed and discarded when changing tasks like handling money to handling products.

### Monitoring illness

- Monitor staff for signs of illness.
- 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.

**Nursery Industry Resources**

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