

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.