Colorado Food Systems Resources and Information

This resource compilation provides information on services, funding and connections that will support local and regional food supply chains, and help them find new suppliers, transportation and markets.

Food Access
- Find a Food Bank (Feeding America, contact a local community food bank to find food)
- Emergency Food Assistance (Food Bank of the Rockies)
- Volunteer at a food bank
- States Approved to Issue Emergency Allotments for SNAP (including Colorado)
- USDA – FNS Program Guidance on Human Pandemic Response
- Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) (Food Research and Action Center guide)
- Regional Statewide Meal Assessment (district meal service information availability and need by region)
- Frontline Foods (Denver or national meal provision for healthcare workers with healthy meals from local kitchens)

Supply Chain Supports

1. General Business Guidance:
   - Coronavirus checklist for food industry (FMI)
   - COVID19 Business Solutions: (FMI)
   - Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up/Delivery Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic (FDA)
   - Guidance on Actions Employers May Take to Address the Impact of COVID-19 (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission)
   - COVID-19 and the Workplace (U.S. Department of Labor)
   - Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Paid Leave Requirements (U.S. Department of Labor)

2. For Restaurants:
   - Statewide and local listings of restaurants open for takeout and delivery (Colorado Restaurant Association)
   - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Policies and Protocols for the Colorado Restaurant Industry
   - Paid sick and leave time legal analysis (Restaurant Law Center)

3. For Grocers:
   - Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Independent Grocery, including best practices for grocers (National Grocers Association)
   - Coronavirus Resources for Grocery and Retail (Produce Marketing Association)

4. Operations and Transportation:
• **Supply Chain Operations Tools** (Food Marketing Institute)
• **Product Discovery and Operational Services** (Food Marketing Institute)
• **Information for Cold Storage Warehouses** (Global Cold Chain Alliance)
• **Trucking: Expanded Hours of Service Exemptions Extended Through May 15**
• **Trucking: List of States with Extensions to Expiring CDLs and/or CLPs**
• **COVID-19 Guidance for Shippers, Receivers, and Truck Drivers** (Transportation Intermediaries Association)
• **iTradeMarketplace** (Produce Marketing Association)
• **Updates on Supply Chain Disruptions** (Produce Marketing Association)
• **CISA: Risk Management for COVID-19**
• **Temporary Policy Regarding Preventive Controls and FSVP Food Supplier Verification Onsite Audit Requirements** (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)
• **FDA: Production of Alcohol-based Hand Sanitizer** (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)
• **Temporary Allowances for Labels Going to Retail** (U.S. Department of Agriculture)

**Connecting Supply Chain Nodes:**

1. **Consumer-Facing Delivery Services:**
   - DoorDash
   - UberEats
   - GrubHub
   - PostMates
   - What’s Good
   - Takeout and Delivery Best Practices (starting a service)

2. **Producer, Farmers Market, Food Aggregation Online Sales Platforms:**
   - Overview of online platforms (National Young Farmers Coalition)
   - CSAware
   - Barn2Door
   - Cropolis
   - Food4aAll
   - Grazecart
   - Harvie
   - Local Food Marketplace
   - Shopify
   - Local Line
   - Open Food Network
   - Square

3. **Other Platforms Connecting Producers to Buyers:**
   - Coronavirus Food Assistance Purchase and Distribution Program (USDA Ag Marketing Service)
   - Buyer-grower matchmaking tool (Colorado State University Food Systems)
   - Find Colorado Products (Colorado Department of Agriculture)
4. Wholesale Distributors Offering Products to the Public:
   - 5280 Produce
   - Altamira Specialty Products
   - Coosemans-Denver, Inc. Produce Box, Call 303-371-3130
   - Food Maven
   - Fresh Start Produce
   - Italco Foods
   - LoCo Food Distribution
   - Rome’s Sausage
   - Tucci’s Produce, Call 303-809-9495
   - What Chefs Want Denver Food Box

Backbone Resources and Analysis
   - Weekly community mobility reports (by country, U.S. state and county) (Google)
   - Xfinity free hotspots

Immediate-Need Coronavirus Resources
   - PPE Sourcing for Colorado Businesses (Colorado state government)
   - PPE Sourcing for Food and Ag Industry (United Fresh)
   - Top 40 Industrial Distributors of PPE (United Fresh)
   - PPE Sourcing for Non-Profits (National Governors Association)
   - COVID Vendor Check (helps governments, educational institutions and non-profits vet suppliers selling coronavirus related goods and services)
   - List of Distilleries Making Hand Sanitizer to Fight COVID-19 (Distilled Spirits Council of the United States)
   - Map of Distilleries Making Hand Sanitizer (American Distilling Institute)