

Guidance for Field Staff during COVID-19 Outbreak

As public health professionals we have a responsibility to help protect the citizens of NC. As you are conducting field work, ensure observance of CDC and NCDHHS guidance to keep yourself and your family safe in any setting. The following is additional guidance for employees conducting field work during the COVID-19 outbreak

ASSESS THE RISK

Prior to beginning an inspection or visit, speak with person in charge to make sure there are not employees of the establishment who are symptomatic with COVID-19 symptoms (fever and respiratory symptoms).

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Advise the person in charge you will be observing social distancing recommendations during inspections and visits. Avoid close contact of less than 6 feet with people during field activities. If you can't maintain 6 ft of space, limit contact to periods of less than 10 minutes.

DISINFECTION

Minimize shared use of pens and ensure personal inspection equipment is cleaned frequently. This includes touch screen if used for signing, thermometer body, etc.

HAND HYGEINE

Practice good hand hygiene during all visits and inspection. Thoroughly wash hands using soap and water for at least 20 seconds upon entering every establishment. Do not touch face with unwashed hands.