



## In the workplace: Food prep area

### What to do

- 1 While in the food prep area, workers should do the following:
  - Leave cell phones in the personal area; if a cell phone must be used, disinfect the phone with a sanitizing wipe and wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after using it
  - Follow applicable health code requirements for food preparation to prevent food-borne illness  
**No additional food protection protocols are required for Covid-19**
  - Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds on arrival at the food prep station, frequently throughout the shift, and anytime they have touched a surface or object that may be contaminated
  - Clean and sanitize or disinfect all surfaces at the food prep station before and after the shift
    - Wash, rinse, and sanitize food-contact surfaces—food-preparation surfaces, dishware, utensils, knives, cutting boards, timers—after use; tools made of porous materials, such as wood or cloth, should be cleaned with particular care
      - Food facilities must use EPA-registered “sanitizer” products, found [here](#), for cleaning and sanitizing; prepare and use sanitizers according to label instructions
  - Frequently **disinfect non-food-contact surfaces repeatedly touched by employees**
    - A list of EPA-registered “disinfectant” products for Covid-19 can be found on the EPA website [here](#)
      - You can use certain products on surfaces that touch food, such as dishes, cooking utensils, and countertops
      - Check the product label guidelines for if and where these disinfectant products are safe and recommended for use in food establishments
      - EPA’s list of disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2 tells you the types of surfaces on which you can safely use a disinfectant product
      - Some products require you to rinse the surface after disinfecting; check the product label to find out whether you need to rinse the surface after disinfection
  - Frequently clean and disinfect floors using EPA-registered disinfectants