



# COVID-19 GRAPE TRUCK PROTOCOLS

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These protocols are intended to assist wine production facilities manage incoming third-party grape truck drivers during the COVID-19 crisis. These protocols are based on information from [CDC](#) and public health departments. The contents of this document will be reviewed and updated as necessary; this document is current as of the publish date located in the upper right-hand corner of page 1 of this document. Prior to use,

companies should review these protocols with counsel.

For information related to COVID-19 health and safety protocols during the harvest process, please view [Wine Institute's Harvest Protocols](#). This guidance document is intended to apply from the point at which grape truck trailers are prepared to be brought back to the production site.



## Operations and Planning

- Establish site-specific procedures
  - Consider and address specific practices that may require truck drivers and employees to be within six feet of one another
  - Consider whether the items brought in on the truck require sanitization or disinfecting (e.g. if your company hand harvests, it may be necessary to sanitize equipment and/or containers prior to handling)
  - Make a list of all surfaces that may be high touch and establish routine cleaning and sanitization practices for these surfaces
- Create a response plan to address a positive case from a third-party service provider
- Establish procedures for paperwork handling
  - Sanitize pens before each use
  - Individuals should wear a face covering when they are not able to maintain 6 feet physical distance (e.g. when exchanging paperwork with one another)
- Designate separate areas for truck drivers, including restrooms
  - Ensure adequate cleaning procedures for these additional areas
  - Ensure adequate hand washing or hand sanitizing stations are available
- If possible, designate specific times for truck drivers to enter production facilities
- Consider using visual cues (e.g. floor stickers, signs, etc.) placed 6 feet apart to indicate where to stand in areas where individuals may congregate, such as restrooms



## Social Distancing, Face Coverings and PPE

- All drivers will be required to wear a face covering at all times while on site
- Drivers should stay in their trucks as much as possible
- Do not allow lines of people to form at test stands or scale houses
- Individuals working at test stands should wear single-use disposable gloves when handwashing or sanitizing is not practicable. Gloves should be replaced frequently, at least after each interaction with new individuals



## Health and Wellness

- Any individual who is feeling unwell should not enter the facility
- Encourage all individuals to self-screen for symptoms related to COVID-19
- If grape truck drivers appear to be exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, the driver should be asked to drop the trailer in a designated area and companies should contact the contract grape hauling company to inform them that the load has not been rejected



## Communication

- Companies should clearly communicate their COVID-19 procedures and policies to all employees and contract grape hauling companies prior to hauling

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