Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Does the Coronavirus Spread Through Food?

Does the novel coronavirus spread through food? It’s a question frequently being asked by consumers. According to the Washington State Department of Health, it’s unlikely this virus is transmitted through food. There are many coronaviruses: The common cold, SARS, norovirus, MERS, and this new one. Using past public health history, it’s not likely we can become infected through food. However, there’s limited research at this point. Some research indicates this virus can be shed in the stool of an infected person. Scientists can’t say for certain whether this new virus can make other people sick after it has passed through their gastrointestinal tract.

Be safe. Wash hands with soap, scrub for twenty seconds, rinse with running water, and dry with a paper towel.

Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy

B. Susie Craig
Contributors: Zena Edwards, Lizann Powers, Margaret Viebrock, Darrell Kilgore, Matt Ziegler