COVID-19 On-Farm Operations

Sharing Equipment Safely
Farms are essential businesses

Workers and delivery people sometimes operate the same equipment on a farm. Due to the contagious nature of COVID-19, **take measures to reduce exposure.**

Do all you can to limit the use of each piece of equipment to one person.

- **When equipment must be shared,** sanitize points of contact — steering wheels, grab handles, seats, radio knobs, gas tank covers — between uses.
- **Use prevention measures** such as physical distancing for all involved in the farming operation.
- **Sanitizer does not work** on greasy, dirty hands. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds instead.
- **Make hand-washing stations** easily accessible so people can wash their hands before and after using any equipment.
- **Put tissues, antibacterial wipes, nitrile gloves and paper towels** in common areas — including the machine shed, tractors, bathrooms and farm trucks.
- **Have a plan for handling on-farm deliveries.**
- **Prevent cross-contamination of buildings and equipment** by instructing delivery people not to use your equipment to unload deliveries.

The COVID-19 virus can survive up to 24 hours on cardboard and up to three days on plastic and stainless steel.

Some of these measures will take time and planning, but they can help prevent the spread of the virus, keeping you, your workers and visitors safe.

- Contact your county health department for specific guidance and regulations.
- COVID-19 resources: [https://extension2.missouri.edu/covid-19-resources-public](https://extension2.missouri.edu/covid-19-resources-public)