



Division of Food and Recreational Safety

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Suspending Nonessential Activities and In-State Travel

In accordance with Wisconsin Department of Administration directives, and information obtained from our federal partners, the Division of Food and Recreational Safety (DFRS) is suspending all in-state travel and routine activities not associated with essential operations. We define essential operations as the following:

- Dairy plant pasteurizer timing and sealing, and broken seal follow-ups.
- Emergency response activities involving interactions with licensed establishments. These activities could involve sampling.
- High-level complaint response activities that require immediate on-site interactions with licensed establishments.
- Emergency licensing inspection activities necessary to maintain the food production and distribution infrastructure.

DFRS activities may include, but are not limited to, sanitarians calling or electronically checking with licensed establishments. It is our goal to help, not hinder, food infrastructure operations.

All routine field work is *currently* suspended, including BTU and listing ratings as well as in-person new licensing. We are working with the

Food and Drug Administration's Interstate Milk Shipment program on contingency planning so Wisconsin's dairy industry can continue to ship Grade A products outside of the state. As time progresses, some suspended activities may move into essential operations; these will be evaluated routinely.

The [State of Wisconsin created a webpage](#) that offers resources from various agencies and answers to critical questions related to COVID-19. Please direct all other questions to datcpfoodcomplaintemergencyresponse@wisconsin.gov or call (608) 224-4683.

