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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published an alert listing safety tips employers can follow to help protect retail workers from exposure to coronavirus.

Safety measures employers can implement to protect employees working in pharmacies, supermarkets, big box stores and other retail establishments include:

- Routinely cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and equipment with Environmental Protection Agency-approved cleaning chemicals from List N or that have label claims against the coronavirus;
- Using a drive-through window or offering curbside pick-up;
- Recommending that workers wear masks over their nose and mouth to prevent them from spreading the virus; and
- Practicing sensible social distancing, which could include opening only every other cash register, temporarily moving workstations to create more distance and installing plexiglass partitions between workstations.

The new alert is available for download at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3996.pdf>.

In addition, OSHA issued a [reminder](#) to employers that it is illegal to retaliate against workers because they report unsafe or unhealthful working conditions during COVID-19.

OSHA's [Whistleblower Protection Program](#) webpage provides valuable resources on worker rights, including [fact sheets](#) on whistleblower protections for employees in various industries and [frequently asked questions](#).

For more information about COVID-19, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. For department resources on COVID-19, please visit: <https://www.dol.gov/coronavirus>.