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Continuity of Operations and Coronavirus Screening

On March 19, 2020, Governor Hutchinson announced that based on available scientific evidence, it is necessary and appropriate to take further action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors in Arkansas remain safe.

On March 20, 2020, the Arkansas Department of Health in consultation with the Governor issued a Directive that state government employees will conduct business through both remote work and on-site work. On-site government work will be limited to employees that are critical to the necessary function of government during the public health emergency.

In response to the Directive, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture is requesting that individuals utilize the contact list on our website at <https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/covid-19> before conducting an in-person visit to Department locations. Through this contact information, we will do our best to conduct business and resolve any issues electronically without the need for an in-person visit.

In the event that business must be conducted in person, we are implementing the following screening criteria to ensure the safety of our employees as well as the public:

- Have you had a fever of 100.4 F or greater within the last 14 days?
- Do you have a cough or shortness of breath?
- Do you have other symptoms that seem like flu or pneumonia?
- Have you traveled out of the country in the last 14 days to a level 2 or 3 country as determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A list of countries can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>
- Have you had contact with anyone who has had lab-confirmed COVID-19 within 14 days of symptom onset?

If an individual answers “yes” to any of these questions the individual will be denied entry to Arkansas Department of Agriculture building locations.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture exists to serve the people of Arkansas and our state’s largest industry. We take this responsibility seriously and will do all that we can to continue to provide the services and resources needed by our state’s agriculture industry.