Q: Will there be food shortages?

A: There are no nationwide shortages of food, although in some cases the inventory of certain foods at your grocery store might be temporarily low before stores can restock. Food production and manufacturing are widely dispersed throughout the U.S. and there are currently no wide-spread disruptions reported in the supply chain.

Q: What is USDA doing to ensure access to food?

A: USDA is monitoring the situation closely in collaboration with our federal and state partners. Food and Nutrition Service is ready to assist in the government-wide effort to ensure all Americans have access to food in times of need. In the event of an emergency or disaster situation, Food and Nutrition Service programs are just one part of a much larger government-wide coordinated response. All of our programs, including SNAP, WIC, and the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, have flexibilities www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic and contingencies built-in to allow us to respond to on-the-ground realities and take action as directed by Congress.

Q: Can I become sick with Coronavirus (COVID-19) from food?

A: We are not aware of any reports at this time of human illnesses that suggest COVID-19 can be transmitted by food or food packaging. However, it is always important to follow good hygiene practices (i.e., wash hands and surfaces often, separate raw meat from other foods, cook to the right temperature, and refrigerate foods promptly) when handling or preparing foods.

USDA and the Food and Drug Administration are closely monitoring the food supply chain.

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