

Aurora grocery responds to virus

Prisco's Family Market in Aurora has announced multiple responses to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Andy Guzauskas, Prisco's president, announced anti-virus measures in a March 12 email to customers. He said responses by the 94-year-old grocery include increased sanitization of public-contact surfaces, placement of sanitizer bottles in the store for customer use and a home delivery service.



Guzauskas wrote, "After many discussions with industry organizations and studying local health department instructions and directions, we wanted to let you, our customers and friends, know what we are doing to maintain a clean, safe, and friendly environment. Along with following all county, state, and federal safe-food handling requirements, we are taking a few extra measures to protect employees and customers.

"We have added more frequent sanitization to contact surfaces such as door handles, cart handles, and registers with EPA-approved surface sanitizer to protect against COVID-19 and influenza. We have placed sanitizer bottles around the store for customer convenience. We have placed our cart sanitization wipes in a more-prominent location.

"While you might not receive a handshake, you will still be greeted with smiles and friendly greetings from employees.

"We do not and will not carry face masks, following the CDC's instructions to leave the masks for those whose careers require them. We ask that customers strictly follow that advice so as not to put others at risk in their professions.

"We also wanted to reinforce with our customers that we have a long-standing policy that if an employee shows signs of illness, they are not allowed to work, following the Kane County Health Department's rules and regulations for safe food handling.

"While our supply chain has seen some recent disruption, we are in contact with many suppliers to ensure that we have the proper supplies to maintain a clean, safe, and sanitary environment. We are also working with suppliers to maintain adequate shelf supply for our customers. While we may see some temporary interruptions in shelf supply, we are working hard to continue to provide for your needs.

"If you are unable to shop at the store or just don't feel like leaving the house, we offer delivery! Feel free to call the store at (630) 264-9400 for more information!"

Founded in 1926, Prisco's Family Market is at 1108 Prairie St. in Aurora. Andy Guzauskas is president. Store hours are 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday. Call (630) 264-9400 for more information.

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