COVID - 19 / Coronavirus and Food Safety Concerns
Is Coronavirus a concern with takeout?

1 **What are the risks of food from takeout or drive-thru food?**
- There is no current indication that takeout or drive-thru meals will increase chance of illness.
- This option is a good risk management choice, because it helps maintain social distancing.

2 **Can I get COVID-19 from touching food or packaging exposed to the virus?**
- The risk of tranferring the Coronavirus/ COVID-19 through touching packaging is very low, based on current research.
- To further minimize risk, handling food packaging should be followed by hand-washing and/or using hand sanitizer.

3 **What are the risks of food delivered to your home?**
- Similar to takeout, food delivery helps maintain social distancing and reduces the number of touch points in between.
- Many delivery programs have also instituted no touch/no interacton options, which further reduces risk.

4 **What happens in your body if you ingest Coronavirus through food?**
- If you consume food that is contaminated with coronavirus, your stomach acid should inactivate the virus since it is very acidic.
- The only way you may get sick is if, during eating, the virus comes in contact with a specific type of respiratory cells.

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