# NEW SAFE AT RETAIL COST-SHARE PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Eligible food retailers can seek reimbursement for equipment and supplies

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Groceries, convenience stores, bakeries, meat markets, and other retail food handlers seeking help to ensure a safe operation can now apply for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) new Safe at Retail Cost-Share Program.

Eligible businesses may be reimbursed for the purchase of equipment and supplies that will help them comply with best practices (https://www.fda.gov/food/food-safety-during-emergencies/best-practices-retail-food-stores-restaurants-and-food-pick-updelivery-services-during-covid-19) during the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses with more than one location may be reimbursed up to $500 per license location with a maximum total reimbursement of $2,000 per parent business.

Businesses in Minnesota who hold a current, active Retail Food Handler License with one of the following agencies are eligible to apply:

- Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- City of Bloomington
- City of Brooklyn Park
- City of Minneapolis
- City of Minnetonka
- City of Saint Cloud
- Hennepin County
- Ramsey County

Applications will be accepted beginning August 12 through August 31, 2020. Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Information required in the application includes:

- Completed and signed application form (/sites/default/files/inline-files/safeatreatailcost-shareapp-.pdf)
- Copies of receipts, invoices, or proof of purchase for eligible equipment and supplies
- IRS Form W-9 (https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.irs.gov%2Fpub%2Firs-pdf%2Ffw9.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Cmargaret.hart%40state.mn.us%7C2f9999b921e747135ad108d8327de922%7Ceb14b04624c445198f26b89c21 signed and dated
- Business name, license number, licensing agency, and contact information

For more information, visit the MDA's Safe at Retail Cost-Share (/safeatretail) webpage.

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