



Governor Walz is not expected to make an announcement today on whether the stay at home order will be extended beyond its current expiration at the start of Monday, May 4th because he is in Worthington speaking on the outbreak of COVID-19 at a meat packing plant in that area. We will keep you informed of any changes to the stay at home order including any additional relaxations to business restrictions as they are announced. Today we wanted to share [information from DEED](#) - a new program related to employee health screening available for free and the ability to order touch-free thermometers at wholesale costs from Target.

MN Symptom Screener – a Web-Based Tool for Evaluating Entry to the Workplace

The [MN Symptom Screener](#) is a new web-based tool that allows businesses to enter non-personal health information to help make a determination about someone entering their facility. MN Symptom Screener uses a few simple questions and also provides the option to record a daily temperature check. By aggregating and synthesizing this anonymous data, the MN Symptom Screener tool provides organizations with a daily snapshot of the health indicators of people about to enter the workplace. And, through this unique partnership, we are making the tool available at no cost to businesses and organizations statewide. This tool is available to businesses for free thanks to a partnership between Target Corp, Minnesota IT Services, and the Minnesota Safety Council.

Target Announces No-touch Thermometers for Minnesota Businesses

Target has announced that no-touch infrared forehead thermometers are available for [pre-order for businesses](#) only through May 16th at a wholesale price of \$51.49. No-touch thermometers have been identified as a key piece of equipment for performing employee health screenings at the start of each work shift. Many businesses and industries have identified daily employee health screening and temperature checks using touch-free thermometers as a best practice for businesses operating during COVID-19. These thermometers are out of stock at many retailers already, so this is a great opportunity to order the equipment you will need to perform employee temperature screenings. **Temperature screening of employees is not currently required by state law but is recommended by MNOSHA.**

Guidance and Resources on Reopening Businesses and COVID-19 Best Practices

Last week, we [reported](#) on Executive Order 20-40 that allows certain non-customer-facing businesses in office and industrial settings to reopen starting today. These select business types are allowed to reopen if they meet certain criteria, follow certain health and safety guidelines, and prepare a [COVID-19 Preparedness Plan](#).

Since that time, MNOSHA has developed several [fact sheets](#) for certain business types that provide guidance on COVID-19 Preparedness including [Grocery Stores](#), [Dentistry](#), [Bait Shops](#), [Golf Courses](#), [Construction](#), and more. MNOSHA expects to add additional Preparedness Plan templates for businesses to reference in other industries such as retail and other customer-facing industries soon. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce is also working closely with MNOSHA to develop helpful content for businesses on best practices. You can see their best practices and links to related resources [here](#) and view a [PDF of general best practices](#). Watch for an update with recorded webinars on best practices for office and industrial facilities next week!