



COVID-19 Vaccination & the Food and Agriculture Sector

Last week, FDA launched “COVID-19 Vaccination & the Food and Agriculture Sector,” a site designed to help employers in the food and agriculture sectors communicate about COVID-19 vaccination to their workforce.

[This linked page has information](#) for the food and agriculture sector about:

- Safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines
- Benefits of COVID-19 vaccination
- Information about the availability of vaccines in your community

And [Click Here For The Essential Workers COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#)



Governor Pete Ricketts recognizes front-line grocery workers during the pandemic, proclaiming last week “Supermarket Employee Week” in Nebraska.





Nebraska COVID-19 Vaccine Registration Portal

Nebraskans eligible for Phase 1B are encouraged to register on the state site, available at vaccinate.ne.gov. Phase 1B priority groups include those 65 and older, those 18 and older who are at high-risk for severe COVID-19, and those working in critical industries who are unable to work remotely, including first responders, educators and daycare providers, those in the utilities, and transportation sectors, corrections staff, and those working in food processing and at **grocery stores**. [Click here for the full Nebraska COVID-19 Vaccine Update Press Release.](#)

2021 NGIA Scholarship Silent Auction, Donation Items Needed!

NGIA will hold its Legislative Reception & Dinner on April 14, 2021, at the Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S 24th St, Lincoln, NE 68502.

We will once again hold a silent auction throughout the evening. We would appreciate your consideration of a **cash contribution** or donating an item for the silent auction. Items may include collectibles, artwork, antiques, jewelry, concert or sporting event tickets, products, etc. Please use this form to let us know about your donation. If you have questions, please contact Rich Otto or Stacy Muehling at 402-423-5533.

Donations to the NGIA Scholarship Fund are fully deductible as a business expense. Please complete the [linked form](#) with the details of the donation item(s) that you will be contributing to the scholarship silent auction.

NGIA Scholarship Applications

The Nebraska Grocery Industry Association (NGIA) has established the NGIA Scholarship Program to achieve a number of highly desirable objectives. It recognizes and aids deserving students who are related to Nebraska's food industry by virtue of their parents' employment or their own part-time employment by businesses that are dues-paying members of the NGIA. This scholarship program was established as an expression of appreciation to the members of NGIA and as a service to its members.

The deadline for submitting an application for the NGIA Scholarship is fast approaching. To be considered, applications must arrive in our office by close of business on April 1, 2021. Applications may be sent electronically to Ansley Fellers. Her email address is afellers@nebgrocery.com.

For more details, applications are available on our [scholarship page](#). Three types of scholarships are available so click on the application that fits your circumstances.

NGIA Health Insurance Member Survey

Help us, help you! NGIA continues to investigate group health options for our members and we need more information. Knowing what our members are currently offering their employees in regard to health benefits is essential. Please complete the survey as soon as possible!

[Click here to complete the NGIA Health Insurance Member Survey.](#)

Sincerely,

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As a reminder, NGIA has made available COVID-related store signage and other materials which can be printed and displayed in your stores as needed:

[Customers - Steps to Take](#)

[Store - Steps to Take](#)

[Employee/Customer Tests Positive for COVID-19](#)

[Proper Way to Doffing and Donning Masks and Gloves](#)

[Nebraska Dept. of Labor Poster- Quit Without Good Cause](#)

[DOL Paid Leave Poster for Employers with less than 500 employees](#)

[Sample Signage on Meat Supply and Demand Pull](#)

[OTC Medicines Allowed for HSA & FSA - CARES Act](#)

[Omaha Face Mask Signage](#)

[Guidance on Temporary Deferral of Employee Payroll Tax Obligations](#)

[Lincoln/Lancaster County Mask Signage](#)

[Local Health Director Resource Page](#)

NGIA has made a list of most common links needed:

[Nebraska Department of Labor](#)

Unemployment

CARES Act

Infection Control

Travel Advisories

WHO Myth Busters

[U.S. Department of Labor Q&A](#)

[Best Practices and Resources by NGA](#)