



In regards to the Arnolds Meats-COVID-19 case and shutdown. We heard the question "Is the meat I purchased infected, can we eat it or should we throw it away?"

Here are the answers from the WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO):

"SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV are susceptible to the most common cleaning and disinfection protocols and there is no indication so far that SARS-Cov-2 behaves differently." - *Use a disinfectant wipe on the packaging. Let it air dry. Then it can be frozen or cooked.*

"Coronaviruses are thermolabile, which means that they are susceptible to normal cooking temperatures (70°C). Therefore, as a general rule, the consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, raw milk or raw animal organs should be handled with care to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods." - *Be sure to cook your meat thoroughly before eating it.*

WHO continues to collaborate with experts, the Member States and other partners to identify gaps and research priorities for the control of COVID-19, and provide advice to countries and individuals on prevention measures. To learn more visit: <https://www.who.int/emergen.../diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

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