Ready-To-Eat Food is food that is going directly to the consumer without further cooking or preparation. Use the appropriate utensils to avoid bare hand contact and contamination.

**Single-use glove guidelines**

Gloves are a great tool to use when needed but it is not to replace frequent handwashing. They should always be for single-use only, and never washed or reused. Food employees must change their gloves when:

- Changing tasks such as going from prepping food to handling money
- After touching raw meat
- Before handling cooked or ready-to-eat food
- After touching the mouth when sneezing or coughing
- After touching face or hair
- When they become soiled or torn
- After every four (4) hours

Other methods include:

- Deli tissue
- Spatula
- Tongs
- Forks & Spoons
- Gloves

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