



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE  
Karen Ross, Secretary

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**TO:** WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICIALS

**SUBJECT:** Weights and Measures System Operational Through COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will continue to perform its essential function of protecting California's food supply. To this end, the Division of Measurement Standard's (DMS) weights and measures functions that protect the infrastructure needed to process and transport food will remain operational and CDFA is supporting the county sealers who provide the bulk of the front-line inspections. DMS will continue the following essential functions that support the food supply:

- Fuel sampling and quality analysis;
- Fuel station inspections to detect fraudulent activities, e.g., payment card skimmers;
- Inspections at retail locations to detect price gouging and overcharges;
- Responding to complaints; and
- Investigations of weights and measures-related activities that would create disruption to California's food distribution, including transportation systems.

Due to the stay at home order issued by the Public Health Officer and the designation of the food and agriculture as critical infrastructure DMS is preparing a document to staff for use when travelling to support the essential functions.

Additionally, DMS is able to redirect county staff that may need assistance with transportation of fuel samples.

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Sincerely,

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