To stop the spread of coronavirus, health officials have instructed the public to practice social distancing -- staying home, avoiding crowds and refraining from touching one another.

In an effort to help stores ensure the safety of their customers and employees, CGA has compiled a best practices list for social distancing. We encourage stores to implement policies that work best for them.

**Social Distancing Best Practices**

* Loudspeaker at queuing area, instructing members to maintain 6' distance while waiting to enter and when inside the building.
* Installing designated waiting points through floor markers positioned throughout the store, especially at check stands and stations where people most often congregate, like the service deli, bakeries and pharmacy areas
* Wiping down each cart handle and passing them to customers as they enter.
* Signs at entry and elsewhere reminding of sanitation and distancing.
* Asking customers to wait until the customer in front of them has finished collecting their groceries before unloading their groceries at the check stand.
* Operating only every other register and self-checkout station.
* Regularly sanitizing registers, belts, pin pads, gas station pump handles, and other surfaces.
* Employees no longer touching membership cards.
* Limited food court offerings, removed food court tables and condiments.
* Installation of Plexiglass at checkout lanes.
* “Contact Free” delivery procedures. Some stores have changed their signature processes so that delivery drivers can sign for customers when delivering orders. This helps reduce traffic in stores.
* Employees at front end directing customers at registers to help maintain distance
* PA announcements frequently reminding customers to maintain distance.
* Offering free same-day and next-day delivery of prescriptions to patients.