

Cornell Dairy Operations Tour Visitor Policy

Good Manufacturing & Hygiene Practices

Cornell University Dairy Plant is a food manufacturing facility that must operate under Good Manufacturing and Hygiene Practices (GMHP) and regulations that ensure that the products it provides to the Cornell Community are wholesome and safe. The Cornell Dairy is also part of the Department of Food Science and is often involved in educational programs, research and tours. Tours are generally open to classes and groups with interest in food processing, but are limited in regard to the number available and times. General requirements for groups are:

1. No more than 20 people per tour. Groups of less than 15 are desirable.
2. No children under the age of 8. Those 10-14 must be accompanied by an adult; no more than 3 per adult.

All visitors are required to abide by the following established guidelines to ensure that the food products made and the equipment and facilities are not jeopardized and that the visitors are protected from harm or injury.

1. Wear appropriate clean clothing:
 - no overly loose or dragging articles that may be caught in machinery
 - shorts and skirts are acceptable if as above
2. Wear clean, closed toed shoes only
 - no sandals or flip-flops; sneakers are acceptable
3. Hair nets and, beard covers where appropriate, will be given out and required to be worn.
4. Limit jewelry to tight fitting rings, watches and bands
 - no loose jewelry that can fall off or be caught in machinery
 - no large dangling ear-rings; small ear-rings can be tucked in hair nets
 - other body piercings???
5. Generally good hygiene; clean hands, free from strong perfumes/colognes/odors, etc.
6. No food, drinks or chewing gum to brought into the plant
7. Those with illnesses that may be spread through foods should not enter the plant. Symptoms that should be considered a risk include:
 - intestinal illness with repeated severe diarrhea
 - strong nausea, vomiting
 - high fever, chills, jaundice, hepatitis
8. Do not touch any equipment, buttons, etc. unless instructed to do so. Participants need to be very careful and be aware that floors can be slippery, equipment can be hot, piping and fixtures may be a head level,

I have read the above information and, if applicable have distributed or read this to the participants of my group for which I have arranged this tour.

Print Name and Affiliation: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____