

## **Press Release**

# **FSSAI initiates training for Food Businesses to Mitigate Covid-19**

**New Delhi, May 06, 2020:** COVID-19 is posing a serious challenge for food supply chains worldwide. The challenge is to ensure uninterrupted food supply to consumers whilst containing the risk of COVID-19 for the workers, customers and all participants in the food supply chain. Keeping these issues in mind, FSSAI had issued detailed guidelines for food businesses during the COVID 19 pandemic. The same can be accessed at: <https://fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Guidance Note COVID 15 04 2020.pdf>

Further, to enable and equip food businesses to function and reduce the risk of contagion, FSSAI has launched a training programme for food businesses under its flagship Food Safety Training & Certification programme (FoSTaC). The training will be conducted online through the empanelled Training Partners. Food businesses can visit [www.fostac.fssai.gov.in](http://www.fostac.fssai.gov.in) or connect the FoSTaC training partners directly for this certification programme. The training programme caters to all stakeholders in the food ecosystem comprising of manufacturers, packers, transporters, retailers and food delivery partners and aggregators. The agencies/ NGOs serving food in places including langar, community kitchens etc. should also get their food handlers trained for COVID-19 precautionary measures. A certificate of participation shall be issued to the trainees through the FoSTaC portal.

In addition to training for Covid-19 precautions, several other courses on food safety are available under the FoSTaC programme of FSSAI, details of which are available on [www.fosctac.fssai.gov.in](http://www.fosctac.fssai.gov.in).

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