



COVID-19 Update: Visitor Requirements

The USDA, AMS, Cotton and Tobacco Program (C&T) cotton classing office facilities are open to visitors; however, in order to protect the safety and health of C&T employees, contractors, and visitors, C&T will:

- Schedule appointments to allow sufficient time between visitors to ensure proper cleaning of workspaces, service counters, and other areas or items that may be frequently touched by visitors;
- Escort visitors at all times during their appointment; and allow access only to locations directly relating to the reason for the visit;
- Ensure that *all* C&T employees, contractors, and visitors wear a mask or face covering (if required) while working in or visiting a C&T facility, or adhere to the applicable face covering guidance implemented during the visit;
- The Federal government follows Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) guidance. As of March 4, 2022, the guidance requires that we implement different protocols for masking and testing based on the level of COVID-19 in the county where the C&T facility is located. COVID-19 levels will be determined on a weekly basis. Accordingly, whether masking and testing is required at a particular C&T facility will also be determined on a weekly basis.
- Due to frequent changes in CDC guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic, C&T will update visitors about the latest requirements prior to the arrival at a C&T facility. Check with your local office for updated guidance prior to your visit.

We look forward to hosting you at one of our facilities in the future!

