

Amazon tests grocery pickup service in Seattle

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An Amazon worker, who declined to be identified, loads a bag of groceries into a customer's car trunk at an AmazonFresh Pickup location, Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in Seattle. Amazon began testing the new grocery pickup service, currently open only to Amazon employees, Tuesday in Seattle. Eventually, members of Amazon's \$99-a-year Prime loyalty program will be able to order groceries online and drive to a pickup location at a scheduled time, where crews will deliver items to the car. Amazon says orders will be ready in as few as 15 minutes after being placed. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

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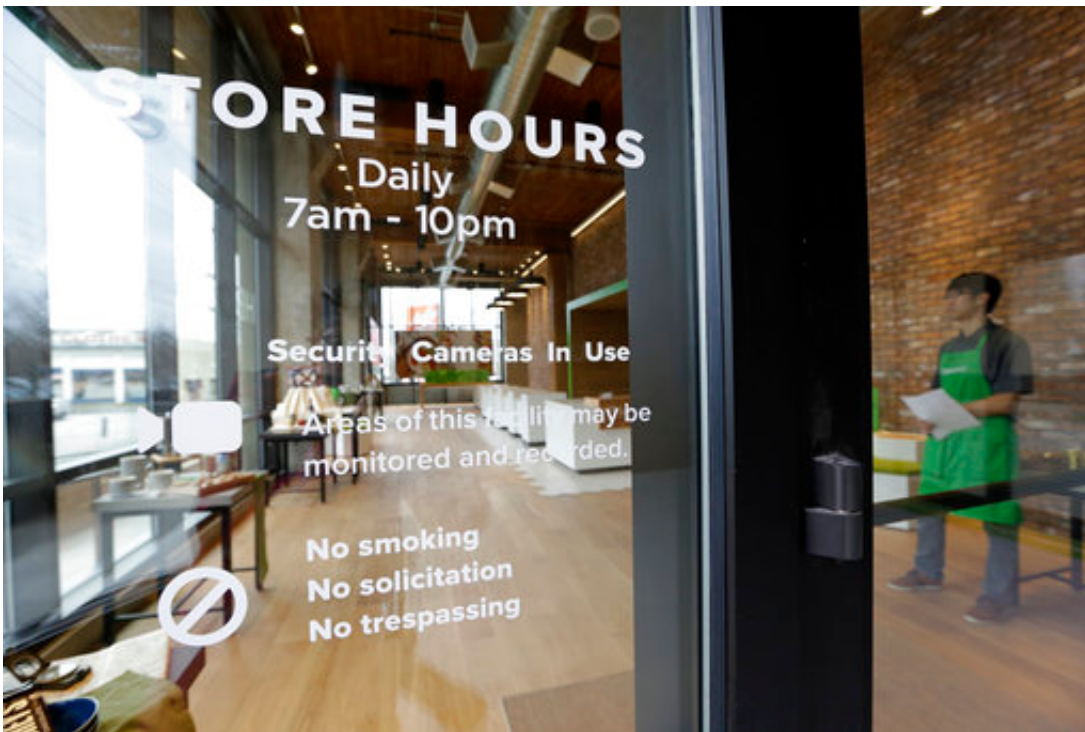
Amazon says orders will be ready in as little as 15 minutes after being placed. The service is being tested in two locations in Seattle, where Amazon is headquartered.

The service is the latest way Amazon is testing new ways to shop. At an Amazon Go convenience store in Seattle, items selected are automatically monitored and added to a virtual cart so shoppers can skip the checkout. That store is also open only to Amazon employees so far.

Amazon already has a grocery delivery service in some cities.



An Amazon worker wheels back a cart after loading a bag of groceries into a customer's car at an AmazonFresh Pickup location Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in Seattle. Amazon began testing the new grocery pickup service, currently open only to Amazon employees, Tuesday in Seattle. Eventually, members of Amazon's \$99-a-year Prime loyalty program will be able to order groceries online and drive to a pickup location at a scheduled time, where crews will deliver items to the car. Amazon says orders will be ready in as few as 15 minutes after being placed. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)



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