

Guidelines for Farmers' Markets

In order to ensure compliance with the Mayor's Executive Orders for Essential and Non-Essential Businesses, the following requirements must be met. Please note that these are the minimum standards and at all times you should practice exceptional personal hygiene and cleaning to mitigate any exposure of COVID 19 and foodborne illnesses.

Allowable Food Items in Farmers' Markets:

- Food items are limited to whole, uncut fruits and vegetables and pre-packaged food items. Foods cannot be prepared on site or sampled.
- Prepackaged food items that can be sold include: breads and baked goods, fermented foods, milk, eggs, dairy products, refrigerated and frozen meats and fish.

Guidelines for Market Operators, Vendors and Customers:

- Cooking demonstrations are not allowed at this time.
- Establishments must provide masks or face coverings for employees and require employees to mask while onsite.
- Provide delivery or curbside pickup options whenever possible to minimize contact with customer.
- Utilize pre-payment options as much as possible.
- Provide shields or other barriers at registers and checkout areas to physically separate cashiers and customers.
- Markets should be designed to have a separate entrance and exit.
- Market operators regulate the number of customers inside the market.
- Market operators and vendors take appropriate measures to ensure adequate social distancing measures are being met (e.g. signage, markings on the ground to indicate proper spacing, periodic announcements, and employee assistance).
- Space individual vendor tables at least six feet away from each other.
- Customers are only permitted to enter the market if they have a mask or face covering.
- Provide handwashing stations and ensure that these stations have warm water, soap and paper towels.
- Clean and sanitize common contact surfaces every hour.

*The content in this handout is subject to change as updated information is provided. This is intended as a guidance document and not a substitute for the State or Local Orders.