

## SPECIFIC COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR FARMERS MARKETS 2021

Please note that these are the protocols as of March 2021. If there are significant shifts in restrictions, these guidelines will be adjusted to reflect updated CDPH guidance. Please watch the [ChicagoCityMarkets.us](http://ChicagoCityMarkets.us) website for additional information.

1. **Ensure six feet between individuals**
  - a. Establish a perimeter around the farmers markets with clear entry and exit points to ensure that attendees may maintain six feet of distancing. Farmers markets must provide a revised market map demonstrating the revised arrangement of vendors.
  - b. Space farmers' booths six feet apart. Use impermeable barriers where six feet distancing between vendors is not possible (e.g. plastic sheeting, etc).
  - c. Clearly mark any area where guests queue with appropriate physical distancing guidance or post signage to facilitate social distancing.
  - d. Identify the total number of shoppers allowed into the market footprint at one time to avoid overcrowding.
  - e. If necessary to avoid overcrowding, establish directional passageways for foot traffic.
2. **Ensure protective gear worn by staff, vendors and guests**
  - a. Require face coverings worn over nose and mouth, unless a person has a medical condition or disability that prevents safely wearing a face covering\* or is a child under the age of two (2).  
\* Follow ADA guidelines for reasonable accommodation.
3. **Ensure regular sanitization of hands and high touch areas**
  - a. Ensure hand sanitizer or handwashing facilities are readily available for both customer and employee use.
  - b. Regularly clean high-touch surface.
  - c. Vendors and staff are required to wear gloves following standard food handling guidelines for prepared food.
  - d. Thoroughly clean and sanitize prior to opening and throughout the day (highly touched areas every 30 minutes).
  - e. Provide training on cleaning procedures to ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants.
4. **Post signage encouraging guests to enjoy the market in a safe way**
  - a. Post rules at entrance that customer should not enter if currently exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. Prohibit entry to anyone with displayed or self-identified symptoms.
  - b. Post signage with guidance on hygiene standards for employees/customers (e.g. wearing masks and social distancing).
5. **Encourage behavior to limit interaction**
  - a. If practical, encourage cashless/contactless ordering and payment, and curbside pick up where possible.
  - b. Prohibit sampling or eating on site; any ready-to-eat food must be served as grab-and-go items only.
6. **Establish employee screening policy and protocol**
  - f. Require employees to self-screen to ensure that no symptoms of COVID-19 are present (see below).
  - g. Prohibit employees from reporting to or remaining at work if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
7. **Follow CDPH and CDC guidance for testing and tracing protocols**
  - h. Require any employee who has contracted COVID-19 to follow all CDC guidelines before returning to work.
  - i. Follow CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting for any employee identified as COVID-19 positive through testing.
  - j. Require any employee who has had close contact with any person diagnosed with COVID-19 should self-quarantine according to CDC guidelines.

### *Self-screening sample questionnaire*

1. Have you had a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit or have you used a fever reducer in the previous 24 hours to treat a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit?
2. Do you have a new cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
3. Do you have a new or worsening sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
4. Do you have new shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
5. Have you recently developed a complete loss of smell or taste?