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COVID-19 Operating Guidelines for Farmers' Markets **Updated as of 1/12/2023**

The Jersey City Department of Health and Human Services understands the importance of supporting our local farmers and making fresh, healthy foods available to our residents, especially during these challenging times. To help keep Jersey City farmers' markets open while balancing the public health need for social distancing, we are implementing the following guidelines for markets, vendors, and customers.

Required Practices:

Market Guidelines

- If Market staff experience any symptoms, they must stay home and consult their PCP for further medical advice. Those who have been in close contact, coming within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes, with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 are not at risk if there are no symptoms, however, they must self-monitor for symptoms. If within these 10 days they develop any symptoms, as it may not be COVID, they must stay home and consult their PCP for further guidance.
- The market manager should inform the Department of Health & Human Services of any market staff or vendor staff who test positive for COVID-19.
- No dogs are allowed at the farmers' market unless they are service dogs.
- If the market distributes SNAP tokens, vendors are not to use the same token more than once during the market day. All tokens must be disinfected after the vendors turn them in.
- All market staff must wear protective gloves and replace them frequently or use hand sanitizer.

- Market managers must ensure that vendors are sanitizing their booths regularly, primarily wiping down tables, equipment, cash boxes, etc.
- Market managers must enforce proper food handling by all vendors.

Vendor Guidelines

- Vendor staff must stay home and consult their PCP for medical advice, if they experience any symptoms. Those who have been in close contact, coming within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes, with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 are not at risk if there are no symptoms, however, they must self-monitor for symptoms. If within these 10 days they develop any symptoms, as it may not be COVID, they must stay home and consult their PCP for further guidance. .
- Vendors staff who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 should self-isolate at home, consult their PCP and inform the market managers for proper case investigation and contact tracing.
- Staff must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after handling any form of payment.
- All vendor staff must wear protective gloves and replace them frequently or use hand sanitizer.
- Each vendor must have their own hand washing station and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content.
- All vendors must have an ample supply of cleaning products, gloves, and hand sanitizer.

Market Customers Guidelines

- If you feel ill, please stay home.
- If you have been in close contact, coming within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes, with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you are not at risk if there are no symptoms, however, you must self-monitor for symptoms. If within these 10 days they develop any symptoms, as it may not be COVID, they must stay home and consult their PCP for further guidance.
- Wash all produce before eating.

- No dogs are allowed at the farmers' market unless they are service dogs.

Sanitation

- Please visit the [EPA's list of disinfectants](#) to use against COVID-19.
- To disinfect a surface the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends bleach OR 70% alcohol.
 - To make a bleach solution, mix: 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water OR 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
- For soft surfaces such as tablecloths, clothing, and towels:
 - Use soap and water, or other appropriate cleaners for use on these items.
 - For items that can be laundered, consult the manufacturer's instructions and use the warmest appropriate water and dryer settings.

Recommended Best Practices:

Markets

- We recommend that markets suspend their fines for last minute vendor cancellations. Vendors may need to cancel if they're short staffed and should be encouraged to remain home if they're ill or have been caring for someone who is ill.
- In any marketing/promotional messaging, encourage families to try to limit the number of people coming to the market to the primary buyer only.

Vendors

- We recommend that vendors have a pre-order system such as CSAs and/or pre-ordered boxes.
 - Edible Jersey now offers an e-commerce site where vendors can have customers pre-order online. For more information, please visit their website: <https://mycommunitymarketplace.com>
- We also recommend that vendors pre-bag their products for sale.

*Guidelines are subject to change as needed.

I _____, Manager of _____

Confirmed that I have received, read, and understood the COVID-19 Guidelines. I agree to follow and enforce these guidelines with my vendors and customers.

Signature

Date