

# Covid-19 Best Practices Basics for Farmers' Markets

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All vendors must take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. MFFM strongly recommends that markets and vendors enforce best practices.

## Basic Health and Safety

- Stay home if you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath).
- Stay home if you have been exposed to anyone with symptoms of illness.
- Maintain 6-foot physical distancing for staff and customers at all times.
- All vendors and shoppers should wear masks.
- Follow safe glove use protocols, if wearing gloves. ([link 1](#) + [link 2](#))
- Make sure ample hand sanitizer is available for you and your customers
  - Bring a [portable handwashing station](#) to market for you/your employees.
  - Follow proper [handwashing guidelines](#) (use soap, 20 seconds, do it often).
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces after each transaction.
- Allow shoppers to pre-order, if possible.

## Physical Space

- Allow for social distancing at your booth during shopping and checkout.
- Mark the ground & use other tools to remind customers of 6 foot distance requirement.
- Pre-package foods whenever possible in grab-and-go bags.
- Ensure all surfaces can be sanitized (avoid tablecloths).

## Transactions

- If possible, have two separate staff people to handle payments and products.
- When possible, price items to reduce the need for change (in \$5 and \$10 increments)
- Reduce contact at checkout:
  - Accept checks.
  - Use credit card chip readers and sanitize after each use.
  - Use a cash bucket and ask for exact change.
  - Give change from quarantined bills (at least 7 days).
  - Use no-touch solutions such as Venmo, Apple Pay, etc.

*NOTE: Feel free to copy and edit this version to meet the specific needs of your market.*

*Markets: Use this checklist as a tool to help encourage/require vendors to follow best practices.*

*Vendors: Use this to help you keep track of best practices.*

We will not send anyone to the market, including ourselves, who has any symptoms of COVID-19, or has been exposed to anyone with symptoms of illness.

We agree to use best practices and enforce 6-foot social distancing while at the market.

Find this document online to reference links: [www.mffm.org/covid](http://www.mffm.org/covid)

# Covid-19 Best Practices Checklist for Vendors

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## Market Day Supplies

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Face coverings | <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Signs to direct customers           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handwashing station        | <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk/tape to mark 6-foot distances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash bucket/receptacle              |

## Market Day Practices

- We use a preordering system.
- We do not allow product sampling.
- We pre-package food when possible.
- We sanitize all spaces touched after each transaction.

## Payments

- Use no-touch payment solutions — cash buckets, card, Venmo, Apple Pay, etc.
- Accept pre-orders.
- Accept checks.

## Physical Space

- Alter layout to ensure 6-foot distancing.
- Use plexiglass as barriers.
- Use extra tables as barriers.
- Use guide ropes or fencing as barriers.

## Signs Posted at Booth

- Maintain 6 feet of distance.
- Don't touch food until it is purchased.
- No loitering.
- Other:

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I agree to follow the above (checked off) practices, and I understand that my participation in this market requires me to do so.

**Signature:**

**Printed Name:**

**Date:**