

## Market Protocols When Vendor is COVID-19+

**What steps are markets currently following?** *(Please add links to any current protocols your organization/markets have in place regarding COVID+ cases)*

[Washington](#)

[Minnesota](#)

[Alaska \(Homer\)](#)

[Pennsylvania](#)

[Utah](#)

*For markets which do not have state or local protocols in place, leaders may want to consider the steps below →*

**Step 1: Confirm if it is vendor who has tested positive or someone they live with**

**Step 2: Check with local public health authorities re: potential risks, contact tracing requirements, etc.** *(if your organization has protocols in place for this, please list here):*

**Step 3: Notifying the public, yes or no** *(points to consider):*

- What steps were followed? What was the market told by public health authorities? If necessary, will authorities *confirm publicly* what market was told?
- How will the market protect vendor privacy (e.g. HIPAA) and livelihood when it is obvious that they are absent/not selling at market?
- Is it better to make public (w/o identifying individual) and let customers choose? (markets want to build trust & transparency, however, market/vendor may be subject to stigma)
- Market responsibility vs. individual business/vendor responsibility; could market allow anonymous vendor posts explaining steps being taken to mitigate?

**Step 4: If health authorities do *not* mandate public notification and the market chooses *not* to disclose publicly, market should prepare response for why it did not publicize by explaining privacy issues, etc. in the event information becomes public** *(if your organization has any examples for how your markets would respond, please add here):*

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**Step 5: Set guidelines for when vendor may return to market** (*after negative test? what about scenario where vendor never tests positive but they live with someone who is COVID+? can they return after that person tests negative? wait additional two weeks and test again? does vendor sell at multiple markets?*)

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