

Farmers' Market COVID-19 Protocols & Sanitation Plan

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This plan heavily references and is in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Health's latest (as of February 23, 2021) order for Farmers' Markets, Farm Stands, and CSAs. This order was published September 17, 2020. Find the latest order here: www.mass.gov/guides/covid-19-resources-for-agriculture#-farmers'-markets-

Customer limits & flow

The market will limit the number of customers that can enter the market space at one time to a maximum of 25 customers per 1,000 square feet. The market space will be set up so that customers are able to maintain six feet of distance from one another at all times.

The market will be set up in a way that encourages a one-way flow of customers.

In the event that the number of customers exceed 25 persons per 1,000 square feet, the market staff will maintain a queue outside the market area. The line at the entry point of the market will have ground markings/cones set up in such a manner so that customers can maintain six feet of distance between each other while waiting.

Signage

The market will prominently display the two types of required signage:

1. Signage that directs customers to maintain spacing requirements.
2. Signage that reminds staff and customers that they should not visit the market when sick.

Cleaning & disinfecting

Market staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (including doorknobs, tables, and point-of-sale machines). Staff will disinfect these objects/surfaces at the beginning of the market, end of the market, and at points during the market.

Customers will be provided with hand sanitizer to use at the market entrance. Vendors will be required to clean and disinfect their own frequently touched objects and surfaces.

No sampling

Sampling of any kind will be strictly prohibited at the market.

Masks

Masks/face coverings must be worn by all market managers, staff, vendors, and customers at all times. (Except if a customer is unable to wear one due to a medical condition or disability). This will be required regardless of vaccination status, as there is a chance that vaccinated individuals may be able to transmit COVID-19 to non-vaccinated persons.