

# Guidance for farmers' markets during COVID-19 coronavirus

The City of Philadelphia has issued a [Business Activity and Stay at Home Order](#) detailing restrictions on business activity in Philadelphia. Farmers' markets are considered essential businesses under the latest guidance.

If you plan to operate during this time, please adhere to these recommendations to ensure the health and safety of yourselves and customers.

- Sell food only, no crafts.
- Space tables so that you are at least six feet away from your neighbor.
- Use hand sanitizer and gloves.
- Ensure minimal or no person-to-person contact.
- Limit the sale of food to whole uncut produce and packaged food items. No food preparation booths will be allowed to operate.
- No sampling of unpackaged food is permitted.
- Post signs reminding customers of the following:
  - Wash all produce before consumption.
  - Stay home if you're sick.
  - Regularly wash hands or use hand sanitizer.
  - Cover your sneeze or cough.
- Market managers are responsible for ensuring that crowds are staggered to provide for social distancing of customers.
- Provide handwashing stations for customers where possible, or alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for customers to use prior to handling produce.
- Ensure handwashing stations are provided adjacent to restroom facilities where possible and stocked with soap and paper towels at all times.
- If person-to-person contact is needed, it must:
  - Exclude customers who suspect they are ill.
  - If at a pickup site, minimize the pickup.
  - Provide a short as possible contact time.
  - Enforce safe social distancing.