

# PHASE 4: OUTDOOR Farmers Market Guidelines

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## Market Management

Communicate with customer base and vendors regularly about market practices and expectations.

Farmers Market management will establish a wellness screening program and require all vendors/volunteers/staff to participate in a market day wellness screening upon entry to verify no presence of COVID-19 symptoms.



## General Guidelines

- Communicate with customer base regularly about market practices and expectations.
- \*Customers, volunteers, vendors, and staff must wear face coverings at all times over nose and mouth as per state guidelines.
- \*Social distance of at least 6-ft. should be maintained between non-household individuals.
- \*Farmers markets should have employees/volunteers monitoring the venue to ensure customers are social distancing and wearing face coverings.
- All vendors and community groups are welcome as long as space allows for appropriate social distancing.
- Communicate with signage, expected customer behavior, throughout the market.



## Customer Guidelines

- Do not enter if sick.
- Wear face coverings at all times, per state guidelines.
- Maintain Social Distance at all times.
- Use touchless payments if possible.
- Wash products before preparing and eating.



## **In addition to following the retail guidelines, farmers markets should follow these extra precautions:**

### **CAPACITY**

- Current Restore Illinois Phase 4 restrictions for farmers markets\*\*\*\*\*
  - 25% capacity or
  - 15 people/1000 sq. feet
- Once Illinois reaches Restore Illinois Bridge to Phase 5\*\*\*\*\*
  - 30 people/1000 sq. ft outdoor
  - 15 people/1000 sq. ft indoor

### **VENDOR GUIDELINES**

- Follow prescribed state and local food safety procedures for all products offered for sale.
- All stands must have approved farmers market portable handwashing stands\*\* or approved CDC hand sanitizer.\*\*\*
- Recommend vendors use an impermeable barrier or a second table between vendors and customers to enforce social distancing with customers.
- Ensure 6 foot social distance is maintained within booth space, while customers are shopping, and waiting in line.
- Recommend touchless transactions.
- Where possible, have different personnel handle products and payment, or wash hands or use hand sanitizer between these tasks.
- Follow market guidelines for handling Link tokens, nutrition incentives and other nutrition assistance coupons.
- Vendors should not touch customer's reusable bags.
- All vendors must sanitize their booths every 2 hours; wiping down tables, terminals, cash boxes, and other high touch surfaces.
- All prepared food products sold within the market must be served as grab and go items.

### **ON-SITE FOOD CONSUMPTION**

- Farmers Markets that offer food and beverage should follow the Restore Illinois Phase 4 outdoor dining guidelines.\*\*\*\*

## VENDOR OPERATIONS

- Each vendor will have a handwashing station or CDC recommended hand sanitizer inside the booth.
  - If possible, implement touchless transactions. If not possible, clean transaction equipment and area after each transaction.
  - Where possible, have different personnel handle products and payment, or wash hands or use hand sanitizer between these tasks.
  - Recommend vendors use an impermeable barrier or a second table between vendors and customers to enforce social distancing with customers.
  - Clean and disinfect common areas and surfaces which are touched by multiple people (e.g., entry/exit doorknobs, stair railings) every 2 hours with EPA recommended procedures and cleaners and disinfectants.
  - Follow market guidelines for handling Link tokens, nutrition incentives and other nutrition assistance coupons.
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## RESOURCE LINKS

### **\*Illinois guidance on the Use of masks**

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/mask-use>

### **\*\*IDPH Portable Hand Washing Station**

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Farmers-Market-Food-Product-Sampling-Handout.pdf>

### **\*\*\*CDC Hand Sanitizer Guidelines**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/hand-hygiene.html>

### **\*\*\*\*Illinois Guidance for Outdoor Dining**

<https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/indoor-and-outdoor-dining/>

### **\*\*\*\*\*Restore Illinois A Bridge to Phase 5**

[https://www2.illinois.gov/ISNews/22961-A\\_Bridge\\_to\\_Phase\\_5.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/ISNews/22961-A_Bridge_to_Phase_5.pdf)