



## **GUIDELINES FOR WINNETKA FARMERS' MARKET DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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Farmers' Markets are essential businesses that provide communities with a supply of fresh and local foods. As the northeast region of Illinois is in Phase 4 of the *Restore Illinois Plan*, we are excited to begin offering the Winnetka Farmers' Market. However, our ability to continue this popular venue relies on both vendors and shoppers following a critical new set of health and safety guidelines, to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures are outlined below, and are consistent with neighboring communities:

### **Guidelines for Shoppers:**

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Anyone at higher risk, including individuals who are over 65 or have underlying health conditions, should consider staying home and sending someone else to shop for them.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times while at the market.
- Please be patient. There will be defined entrances at the market and a line. There will also be an outline showing the 6' feet distance between shoppers and vendors.
- Consider sending one family member or person to the market.
- You will only be allowed to enter the market by a staff member who will monitor the flow of the customers in and out the market. Staff will also be stationed within the market to assist with maintaining the flow of customers and minimizing back-ups at stands.
- Please sanitize your hands before entering the market. There will be locations throughout the market for this purpose. Sanitize your hands as frequently as you can as you move throughout the market.
- The beginning of the market is usually the busiest. We encourage customers to come later to the market to avoid crowds and having to wait in long lines.
- Please preorder your food items if the vendor offers this service. We encourage you to pick-up your items and leave. This will limit the number of people at the market.
- There will be no lingering or congregating at the market. Please limit interactions with others and vendors. No hugs or handshakes, please.
- Please no dogs or other animals at the farmers market unless they are service dogs.
- There will be no consumption of food on site.
- No hand-to-hand contact will be allowed between vendors and shoppers. Point to the product that you would like, then the vendor will bag it and set it down on the table for you to pick up.
- Do not hand vendors payments directly. Place cash and credit cards on the table for vendors to pick up. Vendors are required to offer a contactless payment option.
- At home, wash all products thoroughly before using.

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## **Guidelines for Vendors:**

- Stay home if you are sick
- Anyone who is at higher risk, including individuals who are over 65 or have underlying health conditions, should consider staying home.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times while in the market.
- All vendors must have handwashing stations for their employees and gloves. Any vendor who violates this will not be allowed to participate in the market.
- There must be sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol content) at every booth, provided by the vendor for customers.
- Vendors are highly encouraged to offer preorder services to limit time spent at the market by customers.
- No samples of any kind are allowed and no self-serve areas.
- No seats should be made available for the customer.
- All prepared foods must be prepackaged and offered to go.
- Post a sign at your booth alerting customers that they must follow the 6 foot separation requirements and alerting them of efforts in place regarding COVID-19.
- All booths will be 6-7 feet apart to maximize space and to minimize clustering.
- Booth layout will be designed to increase social spacing. Add fences or ropes with markings and signs that indicate where customers need to stand to maintain a 6 foot distance from each other.
- Vendors must bag items for customers, then put the bag down and let customer pick up the bag. The same should be applied to payment; no hand to hand contact.
- Please limit interactions with others and vendors. No hugs or handshakes, please.
- Vendors must sanitize surfaces every two hours.

(These guidelines were adapted from those provided by the Evanston Department of Health & Human Services, and are in alignment with the Illinois Department of Agriculture Guidance for Farmer's Markets)