



Farmers' Markets are required to follow Pennsylvania's COVID-19 restrictions on Events and Gatherings through May 30, 2021. Beginning May 31, only the Universal Masking Order will be in effect; and will apply only to those who are not fully vaccinated. More information is available in the November 23, 2020 [Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health for Mitigation and Enforcement](#) as amended [April 1, 2021](#), the associated [FAQ](#), and Food Safety Program's website at www.achd.net/food.

Food vendors must follow all food safety requirements. Allegheny County Health Department permits are required for Farmers' Market vendors except farmers who sell only their own, unprocessed produce.

Market Organizers:

- Provide conveniently located handwashing and hand sanitizing stations for vendors and shoppers. 
- Beginning May 17, capacity may be increased to 75% of fire code/ 50 people per 1,000 square feet. On May 31, required limits on capacity will be lifted but individual markets may restrict how many people they admit at one time if they wish to do so. 
- Provide a time for high-risk individuals to shop. 
- Set up markers to show 6' distancing in areas where lines will form. Ensure enough space between stalls to allow for distancing. 
- If ready-to-eat meals are being served, designate a dining area with at least 6 feet between parties. 
- Require masks be worn at minimum by those who are not fully vaccinated and are able to wear them, except when dining. Private businesses and organizations may continue to require all to wear masks. 

Farmers and Vendors:

- Wash hands hourly and: before preparing food; when putting on or changing gloves; between handling money and food; after: handling raw meat, using the restroom, eating, drinking, smoking, using electronic devices, or handling trash; and when hands get dirty. 
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least once per hour. 
- Wear masks covering both nose and mouth at all times you are working if you are not vaccinated. 
- Maintain 6-foot distancing, between both coworkers and customers. 

Recommendations:

- Encourage pre-orders if possible to reduce lines.
- Post signs to ask shoppers to touch only what they plan to buy. 
- Post signs reminding shoppers to wash fresh produce before cooking or eating. 

Shoppers:

- Observe 6-foot spacing when in line to enter the market or at market stalls. 
- Pre-order if possible to reduce lines and keep people moving quickly.
- If buying prepared meals, eat only in designated dining areas. 
- Wear masks covering both nose and mouth except when dining if you are not fully vaccinated and/or if the market you shop at requires masks. 
- Limit the number of people shopping by going alone or with as few people as possible. 
- Touch only what you plan to buy. This helps avoid spreading germs. 
- Wash fresh produce before cooking or eating it. 

Everyone

- Stay home if you feel sick. This can help reduce the likelihood of spreading illnesses of all types. 
- New CDC guidelines state that fully vaccinated people can resume both outdoor and indoor activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Private businesses and organizations may continue to require customers and staff to wear masks. 
- Get vaccinated if you haven't already. Vaccines help protect your family, friends, and community by reducing the spread of COVID-19. 