

Portage Farmer's Market 2020 Guidelines for Vendors and Consumers

Portage Farmer's Market is taking precautions to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please review these guidelines to follow while at the market. This guidance is from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protections (DATCP) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) in partnership with Kristin Krokowski, Commercial Horticulture Educator with the UW-Madison Division of Extension.

What can vendors do?

- Don't come to market while sick or allow sick employees at the market.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Wear a cloth face covering.
- Have only one staff person handling payments; although there is little evidence that money, tokens, or credit cards can transmit COVID-19, having one person take money and talk with customers helps limit the contact of the farm staff to possible transmission.
- No sampling.
- Provide single-use bags to customers.
- Consider no customer contact with product (only vendors touch product until sold).
- Consider selling pre-weighed packages to limit food handling and keep customers moving.
- Clean and disinfect all surfaces, including tables and tablecloths, before the market.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces regularly.
- Use barrier tables (an extra 3-foot-wide table between the customer and the product) or put a check out table in front of the product; if customers can't see what is being sold use a chalk or dry erase board to list products.
- Only allow staff at the booth to handle products.
- Wash hands regularly with soap and water.
- Use hand sanitizer only on visibly clean hands; hand sanitizer is not effective when hands are visibly dirty.
- Use single-use gloves where needed; if clean, gloves may be worn up to four hours.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from customers and other vendors whenever possible.
- Remind customers to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between each other while waiting their turn and moving about the market.

What can customers do?

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover any coughs and sneezes with your elbow.
- Wear a cloth face covering.
- Do not bring children with you to the market if you have childcare available.
- Minimize the number of people coming with you to the market; this helps keep crowds smaller.
- Use hand sanitizer or hand-washing stations frequently, if available.
- Avoid touching your hands to your face.
- Avoid touching the product until you purchase it(only vendors touch product until sold).
- Maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other customers and vendors whenever possible.
- Come to the market at off-peak hours.

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