

Bedford Farmers Market COVID-19 ADDENDUM

Statement from Indiana Department of Health

All Essential Businesses and Operations shall comply with social distancing requirements established by the CDC, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and members of the general public at all times and must utilize or employ other CDC recommended sanitation measures such as washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

Best Practices for Market Structure

- Devote the first hour of market to elderly or immunocompromised customers
- Limit traffic to one customer per vendor booth at a time
- There may be a need to implement time limits for customers at each vendor booth
- Ask customers to remain in vehicles if lines begin to form
- Request that customers leave after completing purchases
- Ask that only one person per group enter the market (Allow exceptions for young children who cannot be left alone)
- Consider alternatives such as:
 - Online ordering capabilities/payment systems
 - Designated pickup areas/times
 - Curb-side service (customers stay in vehicles)

Vendor Best Practices to Prevent Contamination

- Do not allow anyone to attend or work the market if they are ill, showing signs of illness or have had contact with someone sick/tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks
- Promote social distancing by enforcing a 6- to 10-foot space between vendor booths
- Individuals are encouraged to wear face coverings per Back on Track Indiana guidelines
- Encourage proper social distancing restrictions of at least 6 feet between individuals
- Advise that everyone at the market wash their hands before and after attending
- Create hand-sanitizing stations and ensure all vendor booths have hand sanitizer
- Vendors need to increase the frequency for disinfecting market surfaces/objects. Each booth should have appropriate disinfecting supplies on hand. (bleach solutions or antibacterial wipes with a minimum 60% alcohol content.)

Best Practices for Consumer Interactions

- No product sampling will be allowed until further notice
- Consider pre-packaged/bundled options for faster checkouts and crowd management
- Prevent customers from touching products they will not purchase
- Bag products for customers to limit contact. If customer brings their own bag they must place product inside. Try having a designated spot to have customer retrieve product in this case.
- Round prices to the nearest dollar to avoid making change with coins
- Use electronic payments if possible
- If possible assign payment and bagging to different people
 - Alternately: Bag first, then handle payment, then wash/sanitize hands
- Vendors may wear disposable gloves to assist in avoiding contamination/touching their face
- Change gloves when changing tasks (i.e., don't handle money and products with the same gloves)

Best Practices for Communication

- Encourage customers to prepare advance shopping lists to minimize time in the market
- Post onsite signage reinforcing the following expectations:
 - Do not enter the market if you are ill, show signs of illness or have been in contact with someone sick/tested positive for COVID-19 within two weeks
 - Do not touch any product you do not intend to purchase
 - Remain in vehicles if lines begin to form
 - Maintain at least 6 feet between individuals per social distancing recommendations
 - Face coverings recommended per Back on Track Indiana and CDC guidelines
 - Use hand-washing and/or hand-sanitizing stations
 - Leave the market after completing purchases

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West Side of the Square

Please note that regulations are subject to change amid fluid developments in the COVID-19 pandemic response.