Shopping the Farmers’ Market during COVID-19

Stay home if sick
• Wearing a mask does not mean people who are sick should go out into the community.

Expect delays
• The number of customers allowed to shop at one time will be limited. Please be patient.

Plan for success
• Check websites or Facebook pages for updates. Call or email ahead if unsure of changes.
• Learn if your market is using pre-order or drive-through options.
• Make a shopping list.

Keep 6 feet (1 cow) apart
• Be friendly from afar: Wave, share a “peace” sign, or crinkle your eyes in a smile from behind your mask!

Shop alone, if possible
• Bring only as many household members as is absolutely needed.

Shop speedily
• Know what you are looking for (create a list!)
• Buy items as quickly as possible.
• Avoid gathering in groups.

Eat at home
• Food trucks and prepared food may be present but only for takeout.
• No onsite food consumption.
• When eating takeout at home: 1) Open packaging 2) Wash hands 3) Remove food 4) Toss packaging 5) Wash hands again 6) Enjoy!

Plan how to pay
• Small bills to make exact change may be helpful.
• Credit cards or prepay methods may be available – check with your market.

Wash your hands (before & after)
• Wash your hands at home before leaving and after returning.
• Handwashing stations may be available at the market.

Clean reusable bags
• Machine wash and care for your bags between shopping trips; use only clean bags.
• Individual markets may have different requirements around reusable bags – check ahead of time.

Use a mask
• Show that you care: wear a mask to the market, if possible.

Look for instructions
• Markets may post instructions on signs around the market.
• Markets may have volunteers instructing visitors.
• Pre-order or drive-through options might be used by your market.

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