



**Bloomfield
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Bloomfield Saturday Market

Modified Operations (COVID-19)

We'll be modifying market operations for public safety

The Bloomfield Saturday Market will **REMAIN OPEN**, providing fresh, healthy food for the Pittsburgh community. We are actively making operational and procedural changes to protect customers, farmers, and staff and to mitigate the spread of disease, including following [all guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture](#). The Allegheny County Stay at Home Order lists farmer's markets as essential businesses.

In addition to quickly integrating the PA Department of Agriculture guidelines, here are some additional actions that we are taking to protect our community:

Requiring that our farmers, food vendors, and other market partners adhere to [best practices as outlined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) to reduce the exposure and spread of coronavirus COVID-19:

- Market managers are responsible for monitoring capacity to ensure customer social distancing.
 - ◆ Increase space between vendors
 - ◆ Ensure the social distancing requirements are met for those waiting to enter the market, purchasing from a market vendor, and moving through the market.
 - ◆ Using tape/chalk on the ground surface to keep customers adequately spaced within the market
 - ◆ Ensure that the market has a sufficient number of staff/trained volunteers to perform all measures effectively
- Market manager & volunteers will post signs and information to explain changes to customers (i.e. Please Don't Touch; Keep 6-foot distance; etc.)
 - ◆ prominent signage that encourage shoppers and vendors to practice social distancing of 6 feet from each other and hygiene practices
- Instituting new procedures for market staff, including those handling money and other currencies, such as wearing gloves and more frequent hand washing
- Increasing the frequency that market staff & vendors disinfect market surfaces/objects
 - ◆ tabletops, cash register counters, restroom fixtures, and handwashing sinks, and trash cans
- Control number of customers entering to allow for physical distancing. Created a system for physical distancing to queue at entry
- One distinct entrance and a single, separate exit
- Provide adequate trash collection with ongoing inspection and cleaning of the entire Market
- Ceasing all non-essential activities in the market including events, music, surveys, etc.
- Suspending high touch activities at the market, such as seating

- Prohibiting all non-essential vendors from participating in the market
- Maximize on-line order and pickup
- As needed and appropriate, providing masks for staff/vendors/shoppers
- Providing two hand washing stations for public/vendors
- Provide sufficient hand washing and hand sanitizing stations with clear direction to the public
- Ceasing food sampling at the market
- Requiring that all hot food be served to-go and pre-packaged off-site (no seating); Eliminating self-service options
- Each vending stall will have clear markings on the ground to ensure physical distancing while waiting for a turn to purchase. Every customer should be separated by six feet from each other and the vendor.
- Create a clear and delineated passage lane in each direction to avoid crowding
- Asking that vendors control all product exposure as much as possible, for example requiring pre-bagging where possible
- Each vendor should place food behind them away from public reach

Customers

For the health and safety of the Pittsburgh Community we ask that you also take all personal precautions recommended to prevent contraction and spread of COVID-19 including:

- Customers are *required* to wear masks and *encouraged* to wear gloves to market.
- **Always stay home if you are sick.**
- Wash your reusable bag before coming to the market.
- **NO dogs will be permitted.**
- Please limit shopping to 1 person per household.
- Waiting patiently if a line occurs while waiting to enter the market. We have ensured in our site plan that there will be a proper amount of social distancing (at least 6 feet) between each customer while they wait.
- Understanding our one-in-and-one-out-policy to ensure a safe maximum people shopping in the market at once.
- Adhering to 6-foot social distancing while in the farmers market. Give space to those around you, **at least 6 feet** while shopping and waiting in line.
- Observing posted signage and lines on the ground, which signal where customers should wait, six feet apart, to order and pay for their products.
- When purchasing a product from a vendor, **please step back from the table to give the vendor space to place your purchased goods on the table.** Once the vendor has stepped back into their social distance space, you may approach the table to collect your goods.
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (located near the info tent).
- Those who are high-risk (elderly and people with underlying health conditions) avoid coming to the market. **Help your neighbors who need to remain indoors, by offering to pick up food and supplies at the market for them.**
- As always, wash fruits and veggies when you return home.
- Cough or sneeze into your arm or a tissue, away from people and food.

FOR THOSE RECEIVING / PICKING UP ORDERS

Practice social distancing by reading below about the precautions you should be taking when receiving your market order.

If you are picking up from a hub or market location:

- Please inform yourself with the protocols the particular space is using. They may ask that only a certain number of people in the space at one time, they may ask for you to wait outside, etc.
- Please keep a 6 foot distance from staff and customers.
- Please avoid using cash for the time being. Online payments are preferred.
- Sanitize your market package when you get home or dispose of packaging. The COVID-19 virus has been shown to live on cardboard for up to 1 day, and on plastic for up to 3 days.
- Wash your food after unpacking where possible. Sanitize all surfaces that your package has come in contact with. Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds after unpacking

Handwashing Instructions for All Market Employees

- Wash hands and arms with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds before:
 - ◆ Eating or drinking
 - ◆ Putting on gloves
- Wash hands after these activities:
 - ◆ Using the restroom
 - ◆ Touching your hair, face, body, or clothes
 - ◆ Sneezing, coughing, or using a tissue
 - ◆ Smoking, eating, drinking, or chewing gum
 - ◆ Emptying or taking out the garbage
 - ◆ Handling money and making change
 - ◆ Removing gloves
 - ◆ After engaging in other activities that might contaminate the hands
- Recommend assigning an employee at every shift to ensure that handwashing sinks are stocked with soap and paper towels at all times.
- Recommend using gloves appropriately as an additional tool, but it is important to remember that gloves do not replace the need to wash hands and practice good hand hygiene.

We believe that, like grocery stores, farmers' markets are vital to our community's food security and health. We are committed to supporting small-scale farmers and producers and we always accept EBT. Our market is deeply rooted in the community. We thank you for supporting local farms and small businesses, and for your kindness and patience as we all adapt to these changing times. We hope at this time of uncertainty that the farmers' market can remain a pillar for community health and greater transparency in the food system.

Market Managers are responsible for ensuring compliance with the above conditions.