

Perry Farmers' Market Rules & Regulations

Additional 2020 Policies & Procedures in Response to COVID-19

While most restrictions have been lifted at the state level (such as allowing vendors selling non-food products), there are certain restrictions still in place by the City of Perry. Public safety is the #1 priority and it is necessary to take precautions while Dallas County continues to have positive COVID-19 cases reported daily. It is important for all Market Vendors to understand and follow these Policies & Procedures to achieve consistency and uphold public safety for all those involved. ***Thank you in advance for helping us provide a safe environment for the Perry Farmers' Market.***

The following Policies & Procedures have been adopted from the Farmers Market and U-Pick Best Practices and Regulations presented by Iowa State Extension & Outreach.

- 1. Health Policies & Procedures:** Monitor your own health and be aware of the common symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, tiredness, and dry cough, but could also include symptoms of a foodborne illness). Be aware of any potential exposure which could include contact with infected individuals prior to them being symptomatic. Vendors with any symptoms for two days prior to market should not attend, and any visitors expressing symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to leave the premises immediately. ***Vendors will be required to wear face masks or coverings*** and it will be posted that it is recommended for shoppers to do the same.
- 2. Social Distancing:** All Vendor Booths will be on 2nd Street (none in Josh Davis Plaza). ***Vendors will be assigned to every other parking stall to provide adequate space between vendors and any lines that may form. This will limit the total number of vendor spaces available to 12.*** Customer traffic is to flow in one direction, and it is requested that vendor booths are set up in a way that helps facilitate this. To ensure social distancing between you and your customers, it is recommended to place a table, physical barrier, or floor markings to indicate 6 feet.
- 3. Hand Hygiene:** A hand sanitizer station will be placed at the main Market entrances, but it is recommended to have hand sanitizer at each vendor booth for your own use. Remember that hand sanitizer liquid should be wet on hands for a minimum of 20 seconds. Consider scheduling breaks to wash hands inside. ***Two individuals will need to be present per vendor booth - one to handle money and the other to handle the products so that there is no cross-contamination.*** Consider a cash free/hands free option for transactions, if possible.
- 4. Cleaning, Disinfecting & Sanitization:** Consider using table coverings that can be easily cleaned and sanitized, such as vinyl and plastic. Avoid cloth or wood.

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Review, improve, and reinforce your standard operating procedures for cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and drying any food contact surfaces, food handling equipment, bins, tools, and high contact surfaces. Establish a schedule for when surfaces will be cleaned, disinfected, and sanitized.

Remember that cleaning and sanitizing are different:

Cleaning means to remove soil, dust, grease, or other debris from the surface.

The cleaning process typically includes using soap or detergent to scrub the debris from a surface. Dishwashing soap is an example of a soap or detergent product that can be used. Pre-rinsing to remove larger pieces of debris before scrubbing will make the process more effective. Follow this general procedure for cleaning surfaces: 1) Wet the surface; 2) Scrub the surface with detergent; 3) Rinse the surface; and 4) Allow the surface to air dry.

Sanitizing means to reduce the microorganisms on the surface.

The sanitizing process typically includes using a chemical disinfectant to reduce microorganisms on the surface. Surfaces and objects should be cleaned before sanitizing to effectively reduce the risk of spreading infection. High contact surfaces include cellphones, scales, counters, tables, and chairs.

Refer to the Center for Disease Control website for more details.

- 5. Minimizing Number of Touches:** Minimize the total number of people handling the product and the number of times the product is touched by different people. Pre-bagging product is recommended when possible. Limit the number of products on display and do not allow customers to touch or squeeze products before deciding to purchase them. If a customer has their own bag, set the items on the table and allow them to bag their own product (do not touch their bag). Reusing plastic grocery bags is highly discouraged and new Farm Bureau bags will be provided to vendors, while supplies last. **No sampling of products will be allowed.**
- 6. Communication to the Public:** We will do our best to communicate these new Policies & Procedures on our website, Facebook page, and with signage. Please help us maintain consistent messaging by enforcing these procedures and following any outlined recommendations.

We will continue to be in communication with Dallas County Public Health and the City of Perry to monitor public safety concerns which may result in additional changes that will be communicated with vendors and the public.