

Monticello Farmers' Market - COVID-19 Supplemental Guidelines

Monticello Main Street plans to operate the Monticello Farmers' Market this year. This season, farmers' markets are transitioning from community gathering spaces to transaction based markets, or "IN-and-OUT Markets". The Market will open on June 18, 2020 and will implement the following guidelines to protect shoppers, vendors, and Market staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines were prepared with input and guidance from the Market vendors, the [Illinois Farmers' Market Association](#) (ILFMA), and the Dewitt Piatt Bi-County Health Department. These guidelines are meant to supplement the general [2020 Market Guidelines](#). COVID-19 Guidelines will be reassessed at the end of July 2020 or sooner if necessary.

General Market Guidelines

- Redesign the market space to allow stand spaces to have at least 6 feet of distance between the tents, more where possible, to reduce congestion and contact. May consider one-way traffic flow.
- Limit vendors to food products, including agricultural products, value added products, and cottage food.
- Provide hand sanitizer and shopper guidelines at 2 points of Market entry.
- Require that shoppers and vendors follow the guidelines outlined below.

Shopper Guidelines

- If you're not feeling well, stay home.
- Wear a mask and follow CDC recommended hygiene practices
- Maintain the required 6' distance between yourself, market staff, vendors, and other shoppers.
- Limit attendance to one member of the household.
- No gathering, no sitting, no entertainment, no eating on site, or other activities.
- Pre-order products where possible to speed up the transaction process.
- Use credit and debit cards and SNAP/Link benefits for purchases.
- If cash is used, do not expect change.
- Do not touch products at vendor stands.
- At home, wash all products thoroughly before using.
- Be ready to order when it is your turn.
- No restrooms will be available this year.
- Be patient and kind with vendors and other shoppers, we are all in this together.

Vendor Guidelines

- Add [sign outlining shopper guidelines](#) at your booth.
- All vendors must sanitize their stands regularly; wiping down tables, terminals, cash boxes, etc. with approved disinfectants.
- Provide hand sanitizer at booth.
- Follow prescribed state and local food safety procedures for all products offered for sale
- Products available for purchase must be transported in containers that can be sanitized.
- Require two staff per booth; one assembling orders and the other conducting transactions. Ensure money transactions take place away from food.
- Move to credit only/debit transactions or cash without change.

- Use tape or chalk to note 6 feet spaces and to direct customer lines (identify line locations with guidance from Market Manager).
- Require staff, volunteers, and vendors to wear gloves and masks.
- Only vendors and their designated staff may handle products. Customers must not touch any produce or products until after they have been purchased.
- Consumable products or food prepared on site must be packaged for consumption off-site.