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.

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.

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.

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

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.