

Overview

City of San Diego's current policy on Certified Farmers' Markets is to be in line with County Public Health Orders, California Department of Public Health guidelines, and Centers for Disease Control guidelines. *It is the responsibility of the Market to be aware of additional guidelines as they are issued.* San Diego Police Department will be enforcing the County's Public Health Officer's Order on social distancing and other Orders as noted by the Mayor and Chief of Police.

Previous guidance has been issued by the County Department of Health and CA Public Department of Health and are still applicable, including **no** food samples and increased sanitation standards. However, due to the challenges of adherence to social distancing and the constantly evolving situation, the City is requiring additional modifications to these guidelines.

The authorized market manager/organizer **MUST** submit a plan addressing all guidelines for approval to the Special Events and Filming Department and San Diego Police Department Special Events Division for the review process to start a **minimum of 7 business days** prior to a Market reopening.

Please note that this policy direction is current as of 6/16/20, but may change subject to our continuing adoption of public health guidance to ensure measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 are followed. Deviations from proposed plans, perceived risk to public health and to our public safety resources will result in suspension of Markets.

GUIDELINES:

Temperature Checks and Health Monitoring:

1. Temperature checks and health screening of employees and vendors must be conducted. Please refer to the County guidelines for more information.
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/health-order.html

Customer Metering/Capping:

1. The order prohibiting social gatherings does not apply to Farmers' Markets as an essential service, but there must be more than enough space for social distancing within the venue due to fluid movement. Therefore, the City is requiring the following:

- a. Cap of customers within defined area. A **cap of 50 per enclosed city block** will be considered based on footprint size. Cap may be smaller or larger pending review of submitted plan.
 - b. Blocks do not have to be separated and can be continuous.
 - c. Metering must occur to maintain cap to maintain social distancing. Cannot block sidewalk access or traffic or create impacts to general pedestrian access.
 - d. Plan must be provided on where customers will be directed to if number of customers exceed number of marks in queue line.
 - e. Markers for queue must be on the ground to show 6 feet distance.
2. Attendance must be limited to **household groups only**. Markets can create individual caps per household group in consideration of the total market cap.
 3. No Pets allowed.

Market Set-Up:

- 1) One way to enter is required. There can be multiple exits if there is communication with staffed entry. Must be located away from staffed entry to reduce two-way traffic.
- 2) Customers cannot handle produce or goods, only the vendor.
- 3) All vendors must wear a face covering.
- 4) Tents must be taped off with caution tape or ribbon for visual barrier, with or without tables placed in front. If there is a table, must be in front of produce or goods or set back away from where people can touch.
 - a. Tents must be a minimum of 8 feet apart and offset from each other if on opposing sides of same street.
 - b. Signage on all the market rules and county regulations should be listed at the entrance and social distancing signs should be posted at each booth.
 - c. Markers for tent queues must be on the ground to show 6 feet distance.
- 5) Provide updated map with street length and note 8 feet distances, etc.

Outdoor Seating and Tables for On-Site Dining:

- 1) Farmers' Markets with Temporary Events must review the Onsite Dining Plan and Protocol and commit to adhere to the requirements listed.
 - a. Proposed plan for onsite tables and seating must show appropriate distancing or physical barriers provided in addition to proper sanitation of those facilities.
 - b. Dining area must be separated from the market so that queuing lines and market shoppers are not comingling.
- 2) Host Organization will be required to submit the above plan with written commitment to both the safe onsite dining plan issued by the County as well as operating protocols.

- a. Please provide signatures from each prepared food vendor or food truck agreeing to adhere to the food facility operating protocols.

[Safe Onsite Dining Plan](#)
[Food Facility Operating Protocol](#)

Vendors and Products:

- 1) There are no limitations to vendor or product sold if they adhere to market set up requirements. Interactive services are not permitted. Entertainment is not permitted or anything that encourages public gathering.
- 2) No food sampling, music, entertainment.
- 3) No food consumption on site. Prepared food can be provided via take out or to go orders.

Monitors:

- 1) Monitors should be placed at the entrance/exits throughout the market and a runner or communication process to ensure cap is maintained.
 - a. Entrance monitor to provide verbal instructions to customers and to limit how many people enter.
 - b. Exit monitors to count how many people leave and ensure no one enters.
 - c. Communication between staffed entry and exits to monitor cap.
 - d. Monitors throughout market to ensure social distancing.

Outreach Plan:

If a Farmer's Market typically requires vehicles to be towed due to use of parking spaces, the Market must submit an **outreach plan** that will adequately notify residents that Markets will be reinstated as of (effective date) and vehicles will be towed. Outreach Plan must include additional **temporary** signage for no-park notification **three days in advance**. Existing permanent signage must be covered with current status of market operating hours.

Markets will not need to cover existing signs if current marketing hours match the permanent signage hours. In addition, no-parks will not be necessary after market has in operation consistently and upon approval by Police Department.