



# UPTOWN FARMERS MARKET

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## MARKET GUIDELINES FOR SHOPPERS

Thank you for supporting our farmers and vendors! Your safety and health are our top priority! In keeping with City of Chicago and Chicago Department of Health protocols, as well as guidelines set by the State of Illinois, and the CDC, and in understanding we are permitted to open for the primary purpose of food access, we have established the following guidelines:

Before you attend the market, please observe the following: If you have any cold or flu symptoms, or are not feeling well, please stay home. This includes cough, shortness of breath, and fever.

Because we must limit the number of shoppers inside the market at any one time, we ask that one member per household shop, with a maximum of two. If traveling to the market on a bicycle, please lock your bike outside, or dismount and walk your bike through the market.

Market hours of operation. The market will be open on Wednesdays from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm. We are on rain or shine!

You can also stay up to date with the market by subscribing to Chicago Market email updates, visiting [uptownfarmersmarket.org](http://uptownfarmersmarket.org), or by following the [Chicago Market Facebook](#) page.

Upon arriving at the market, you may need to stand in line, as we are only permitted to allow a limited number of customers inside at any one time. If there is a line, you will need to wait, even if you pre-ordered from a vendor. Please maintain a minimum 6' distance between individuals. There will be one combined entrance/exit to the market. Smoking is not permitted while standing in line, nor inside of the market.

Volunteers will monitor the entrance/exit. They will also be available to answer any questions you may have. Please be kind to them, and to your fellow customers and vendors!

Market extras. Once again this season, the market functions as an in- and out-market. We are happy to host our wonderful farmers and vendors, and to make their food and beverage offerings available to you. However, due to City of Chicago, Chicago Department of Public Health, State of Illinois, and CDC guidelines, there will be no chef demos, children's activities, yoga, or concert offerings.

When you enter the market, masks or face coverings are now optional.

All customers may use the hand sanitizer provided just inside the entrance to the market. At times of high customer volume, we will, at our discretion and for everyone's safety, we will maintain the path of the market in a one-way direction. When we do so, if you need to visit or revisit a vendor, or if you forgot something, we will have a passageway for you to do so without need to exit the market. Please continue to maintain a 6' distance physical distancing! Congregating will not be permitted. Solicitation will not be permitted inside of the market.

In addition to the volunteers monitoring the entrance/exit, there will be volunteers available inside of the market to answer your questions. Please be patient with the volunteers, who will assist in getting an answer for you if they do not have an immediate answer.

At the vendor tents, please do not step up to the booth until it is your turn. While in line, please carefully maintain a 6' distance. There is a 5-minute shopping time limit. Please be ready to order when it is your turn. Vendors will not be allowed to offer any samples. There can be no hand to hand contact between customers and vendors. Recycled reusable bags are permitted, but the vendors may not handle your personal bags; if you bring your own bag(s), you must pack them yourself.

Grab and go foods and prepared foods. We are thrilled to welcome grab and go and prepared food vendors. Grab and go vendors are required to pre-package all offerings as grab and go, fully packaged and completely sealed. Prepared food vendors are not required to do so. However, eating and drinking, including any sampling, are not permitted on site.

Making payment. Each vendor can determine their own accepted forms of payment, to include cash, and a variety of forms of electronic payment. Vendors are not required to accept cash, and those accepting cash are not required to provide change.

After shopping, please leave quickly! Keep your market visit short and sweet in order for the farmers and vendors to accommodate as many shoppers as possible during market hours.

At home, please enjoy your purchases, and encourage your family, friends, and colleagues to shop the market – our vendors need your support more than ever!

Thank you! We appreciate your patronage and your support! Thank you for shopping and for your patience with these required COVID-19 protocols! We are all in this together!

We will update these guidelines regularly if we receive new protocol directives or as needed to maintain a safe shopping environment.

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