



# COVID TALKING POINTS AND RESOURCES FOR MICHIGAN FARMERS MARKET MANAGERS

## Before a COVID Exposure is Reported

Communicate proactively with both vendors and consumers about the safety measures in place at your market. This can include signs at the market, a section of your weekly market newsletter, and information on your website.

- Example: “Our market encourages/requires vendors and market staff to follow the most up-to-date [information from the CDC](#) and the [State of Michigan](#). For our indoor winter market, we recommend all guests wear a face mask at the market regardless of vaccination status.”
- Example: “The health and safety of our market staff, vendors, shoppers, and community is our top priority. We ask that those with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 do not come to the market, including those who exhibit flu-like symptoms.”

## During the Market

MIFMA’s full COVID-19 Recommendations for Market Operations are available [here](#).

## After a Reported Exposure at the Market

There is not a current national or state-level requirement for employers to notify employees of a potential COVID-19 exposure in the workplace. However, [OSHA](#) requires that employers “take appropriate steps to protect other workers from exposure”. It is recommended that employers inform individuals who may have been exposed while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- Example: “An individual present at the market on Tuesday from 6 PM - 8 PM tested positive for COVID. Current directives from the CDC and OSHA recommend getting tested 3-5 days following a known or suspected exposure. You should also wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days after exposure or until you receive a negative test result.”

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## [COVID-19: Vendor Tests Positive or Exposed to Someone Who Has](#)

This resource, created by the PennState Extension, contains action steps and other information market managers need to know if a vendor tests positive for COVID or is exposed to someone who has. It also includes a downloadable sample vendor agreement you may wish to use and/or modify for safety protocols at your own market.

## [Face Mask Talking Points for Market Managers](#)

There is currently no statewide mandate requiring the use of face masks at the farmers market, but the policies for your individual market or city may vary. This resource from the University of Maryland Extension has a flow chart of talking points to help market managers work through challenging situations regarding face mask noncompliance.

## [Farmers Market Legal Toolkit: Vendor Relationships](#)

While not specific to COVID, this resource from the Farmers Market Coalition's Legal Toolkit goes over some of the common sources of market manager and vendor conflict and how to avoid and resolve them.

## [Frequently Asked Questions: from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)

This page contains the most up-to-date COVID information for employers from the United States Department of Labor. Topics include when employees who have had COVID may return to work, where to go for training materials, and other worker protection matters.

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