

MN Farmers' Market Association

April 5th, 2021

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Our COVID response is strong as ever

We won't stop until the pandemic is behind us.

- Community testing sites are available at no-cost.
- COVIDAware app will warn you if you have been exposed.
- Vaccines are ramping up fast – use the Vaccine Connector



**ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES,
MINNESOTA**

Staying safe while we open up

The adjustments reflect the progress we've made. But COVID is still with us.

- **Keep wearing your mask.** After 12 months of COVID, we know masks are simple and effective.
- **Maintain social distancing.** All guidance today requires public spaces to keep 6 feet between individuals.
- **Get a test. Stay home if you're sick.** Consider the risks before leaving your home.



Face coverings at venues

- Face-coverings required for everyone indoors, and everyone at outdoor venues.
- Everyone must be seated whenever eating or drinking.
 - Assigned seating accommodation
 - Designated area



Other Considerations for Farmers' Markets

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Capacity caps – None provided there is no entertainment

All food and beverage consumption must end at 11:00pm

Must be seated if you are eating or drinking

Groups of six must have at least six feet of social distancing

Dancing is allowed, but must groups must be at least SD6

What is the maximum capacity for a farmers' market?

- Farmers' market only – Social distancing only
- Indoor market w/ Entertainment – 50%/500 + 10%/Rem; 1,500 maximum;
- Outdoor market w/ Entertainment – Area (sq.ft.)/113; 10,000 maximum;

How do I calculate the capacity for my farmers' market?

- **Capacity Calculator**
- This can help calculate the reduced capacity of a facility/ venue.
 - Must use “rated occupant capacity”
 - If no rated occupant capacity, use 113 sq. ft. per person

<https://staysafe.mn.gov/capacity-calculator/>

The screenshot shows the 'STAY SAFE GUIDANCE' section of the website. It features a header 'For Businesses & Organizations' and a main heading 'STAY SAFE GUIDANCE'. Below this, the text reads: 'Calculate the reduced capacity of your facility/venue (Effective April 1, 2021)'. A note states: 'For your convenience, we have calculator presets for indoor restaurants and fitness centers & gyms'. The form asks 'Is your facility/venue indoor or outdoors?' with two buttons: 'Indoor' (highlighted in green) and 'Outdoor'. The next question is 'Please indicate your venue or facility's seating:' with two buttons: 'Non-Seated' (highlighted in green) and 'Seated'. The final question is 'Please indicate your occupant capacity:' with two buttons: 'Rated Occupant Capacity' (highlighted in green) and 'No Rated Occupant Capacity'. A 'COVID-19 Chat with us' button is visible in the bottom right corner.

Questions

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When does a “farmers’ market” become an “entertainment venue”?

- *“Agricultural businesses that hold competitions, exhibitions, shows, or otherwise offer, provide, or maintain recreational or entertainment facilities, activities, attractions, or spectacles (e.g., inflatable-houses, zip-lines, slides, stage-shows, recreational tractor-rides or hay-rides, petting zoos, pumpkin shooters, apple-throwers, games) are subject to limitations on occupancy and other requirements applicable to entertainment venues.”*

Are tables with children’s activities permitted?

Prevent the Spread of COVID-19
While you Shop



Plan ahead



Go alone if you can



Be quick



Wear a mask



Sanitize hands and cart handle



Stay 6 feet from others

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Is live-music permitted?

- *“Live entertainment is only permitted by performers who are designated by the venue. Examples include, but are not limited to, live music, concerts, stage performances, athletic events, contests, and combative sports.”*
- *“When hosting ‘live’ events and performances, separation of at least 12-feet must be maintained at between the ‘performers’ and ‘patrons’”.*
 1. Designated performance area;
 2. Physical distance of at least 12-feet;
 3. Performers must remain within the designated performance area;
 4. No interaction between performers and patrons;

Can I separate my “farmers’ market” from my “entertainment venue”?

- *“**Dividing up a Venue:** A business or entity operating an outdoor venue may not divide itself or operate in any manner that exceeds the maximum capacities. The maximum number of persons allowed for a venue applies to the sum of all spaces”*

See

http://dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/COVID_19_preparedness_plan_requirements_outdoor_venues.pdf

Are face-coverings required?

- By all persons indoors;
- By all workers outdoors if social distancing of at least 6-feet cannot be maintained;
- By all persons at both indoor and outdoor venues;
- By other sector-specific guidance (e.g. sports, personal care services, gym-classes);

- *“Businesses must take reasonable steps to ensure that workers, customers, clients and visitors wear face coverings in accordance with Executive Order 20-81, and conspicuously post face covering policies for workers, customers, clients and visitors.”*



Are massage stations permitted at farmers' markets?

- Requirements for “Personal Care Services”
- Social distancing of at least 6-feet from all other persons.
- Face coverings required by both worker and customer.
- Face covering and face-shield must be worn by worker if face-covering not worn by customer.

Is the on-site consumption of food permitted?

- *Yes. However, “venues must not offer food or beverage service and must prohibit the on-site consumption of food or beverages throughout the venue between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. each day.”*
- *“Patrons must take food and beverages back to their individually assigned seating areas or areas designated for the consumption of food and beverages and may only consume food and beverages while seated in their individually assigned seating area or designated areas.”*

Is food-sampling permitted?

Does on-site consumption of food affect occupant capacity?

- *“Patrons must be seated in designated seating areas whenever eating or drinking on-site. The venue must comply with all other requirements applicable to outdoor dining found at Stay Safe Guidance for Restaurants and Bars (staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/restaurantsbars.jsp) unless inconsistent with this document (in which case, this document controls).”*
- *“The different occupancy limitations and face covering requirements in the Stay Safe Guidance for Restaurants and Bars do not apply to indoor and outdoor events, even if held in a restaurant or bar.”*

Are food vendors permitted?

Other Questions?

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-  Wash your hands
-  Get tested when sick
-  Stay 6 feet from others
-  Wear a mask
-  Stay home when able
-  Work from home when able



Thank you.

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