



# NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET

Join the Garfield Park Community Council (GPCC) for our summer season of the **Garfield Park Neighborhood Market**! GPCC is a 501c3 nonprofit with a mission to cultivate local circular economies.

Due to the Covid-19 health outbreak, our market will look different this year. As a farmers market, our goal is to support our local growers and producers by creating a space for them to distribute their locally grown food to residents on the South West side of Chicago. To ensure we are doing this in the safest way possible, we are temporarily altering our market procedures.

These guidelines were established to keep all of us safe. We expect all market visitors to help us keep our community of vendors, staff, volunteers, and neighborhoods safe by following the guidelines.



## **Garfield Park Neighborhood Market**

The Hatchery, 135 N Kedzie

Second and Fourth Saturday of each month, July – October

10AM – 2PM



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## COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOL FOR VISITORS UPDATED 5/12/2021

1. **Stay Home If You're Sick:** If you are showing any COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, please stay home. We encourage you to take advantage of online ordering and delivery from local farms when possible.
2. **Wear a Mask:** All visitors (and market staff, volunteers, and vendors) are required to wear a mask that covers both nose and mouth at all times unless the visitor has a medical condition or disability that prevents safely wearing a face covering or is a child under the age of two (2). If you see someone at the market not wearing a mask, please let a GPCC staff member or volunteer know.
3. **Market Flow:** To minimize unnecessary contact, the market will have a one-way flow. Visitors are expected to follow this rule, even if it may be inconvenient at times. GPCC will provide signage throughout the market and markings on the ground to indicate market flow and enforce social distancing requirements.
4. **Social Distancing:** All visitors, vendors, staff, and volunteers are required to keep a distance of at least 6 feet between themselves and other people not from their household. If you need to go within 6 feet of another person (e.g. when paying a vendor), please make the interaction as brief as possible. Be sure to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after interacting with vendors. To help with social distancing, we will only allow twenty shoppers into the market at once (this number does not include staff, volunteers, and vendors).
5. **Goods Offered for Sale:** No food may be prepared or consumed onsite at our market this year. All purchases must be taken to-go.
6. **Additional Programming:** Unlike our other markets, we will offer very little programming in order to minimize the amount of time people spend at the market. There will be no sampling, self-service items, cooking demonstrations, community organizations tabling, and/or onsite consumption of food.
7. **Booth Set Up:** Customers are not allowed to touch products before purchasing. Vendors will display their available products at the back of their booth and customers will request items from a responsible social distance. The vendor will place specified



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products in a bag and allow the customer to pick up the bag off of a front table. If a customer wishes to use their own bag, they must bag items themselves.

8. **Payments:** While card transactions are preferred at this time, our vendors will accept cash, credit/debit, Link, and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program coupons.

Please follow this process for purchasing from vendors:

- a. After choosing their products, the customer can leave payment on the table and then take a step back
  - b. The vendor will bring payment into their booth to process/make change.
  - c. After processing, the vendor will place the customer's bag and change/credit/debit on the front table.
  - d. Once the vendor steps back in their booth, the customer can safely grab the bag.
9. **Hygiene Practices:** We are asking our vendors to wash their hands and wipe down surfaces at least once an hour and, if possible, after each customer interaction. GPCC staff will be monitoring to ensure everyone is practicing good hygiene. We ask that all customers wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the market and upon leaving the market.
- a. GPCC will provide a dispenser of hand sanitizer at our information booth for use by vendors, staff, volunteers, and customers.
  - b. GPCC will thoroughly clean and sanitize market infrastructure prior to opening and throughout the day (highly touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected every 30 minutes).
10. **Garfield Park Community Council will follow CDPH and CDC guidance for testing and tracing protocols with our staff, volunteers, and vendors. This includes the following measures:**
- a. Require any employee who has contracted COVID-19 to follow all CDC guidelines before returning to work.
  - b. Follow CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting for any employee identified as COVID-19 positive through testing.
  - c. Require any employee who has had close contact with any person diagnosed with COVID-29 should self-quarantine according to CDC guidelines.

**Failure to comply with any of the above may result in suspension or expulsion from the market.**