This season, farmers markets are transitioning from community gathering spaces to transaction based markets, or IN-and-OUT Markets.

### ACCEPTING VENDORS FOR THE 2020 SEASON

- Limit vendors to food products, including agricultural products, value added products, and cottage food.
- Add additional products at market managers’ discretion.
- Continue to promote non-food market vendors encouraging on-line shopping and alternative pick-ups or shipping.

### SETTING UP YOUR FARMERS MARKET

- Work with state and local agencies and governments to ensure compliance with regulations and standards.
- Consider adding an Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) approved handwashing station to the market entrance. If not available, provide Centers for Disease Control (CDC) approved hand sanitizer, either 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol hand sanitizer.
- Add signage to market entrance(s) outlining expected customer practices:
  - Do not enter if sick.
  - Always maintain 6 feet social distancing.
**ADD SIGNAGE TO EACH MARKET BOOTH OUTLINING PURCHASING & HANDLING PRACTICES EXPECTED**

- Do not touch products.
- Use credit/EBT/debit or cash-no change will be offered.
- Maintain social distance while waiting in line.
- Be ready to order when it is your turn
- Choice may be limited.
- Wash all products before use or cooking.

**CONSIDERATIONS FOR LARGER MARKETS OR THOSE OPERATING IN SMALLER SPACES**

- Limiting the number of people shopping at a time:
  - Setting up 20-minute shopping slots.
  - Add a designated shopping time or other delivery services for vulnerable patrons, the elderly and disabled.

**OTHER MARKET CONSIDERATIONS**

- No consumable products or food prepared on site.
- No open alcohol, alcohol sales where approved are limited to bottles and cans
- No food demonstrations.
- All stands must have a IDPH farmers market portable hand washing station.
- All stands must use vinyl or plastic table covers for easy sanitizing.
- All vendors must sanitize their stands regularly; wiping down tables, terminals, cash boxes, etc. with approved disinfectants.
- No gathering, no sitting, no entertainment, no eating on site, or other activities.
- No restrooms. Stagger booths to ensure adequate space for social distancing while shopping and waiting in line.
- Redesign the market space to allow stand spaces to have at least 6 feet of distance between the tents, more where possible, to reduce congestion and contact.
- Redesign booths adding a transaction table, product behind.
- Use tape or chalk to note 6 feet spaces and to direct customer lines.
- Require staff, volunteers, and vendors to wear gloves and masks.
- Consider one-way movement if space is confined or narrow.
- Implement market guidelines for safe handling of Link/EBT and nutrition incentive transactions.