

# COVID-19 AND FARM STANDS

## STEPS FOR FARM STAND OPERATORS

### BEST PRACTICES

- Farmers and customers should not come to a farm stand if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or have come in contact with someone who is sick. Anyone displaying symptoms should be asked to leave.
- Farmers displaying symptoms, or living with someone displaying symptoms, should not harvest or sell food.
- Cloth face coverings should be worn by employees while working.
- Farm stands should provide handwashing and/or hand sanitizer at entrances and register/cash box. If someone is staffing the farm stand they should use hand sanitizer after every transaction.
- Avoid taking in cartons or containers that can't be cleaned and disinfected.
- If possible, pre-portion or pre-package items in bags or cartons before they are sold.
- Eggs should be sold in single-use containers.

### COMMUNICATION

- **Communicate with customers through signs or social media asking them to stay home if displaying symptoms.**
- Provide hand sanitizer at the front of the stand and near the cash box. Use signs to remind people to use sanitizer before shopping, before paying and after leaving.
- Ask customers to only touch items that they intend to purchase.
- Cloth face coverings should be encouraged for customer use, based on local guidance.

### CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

- Use non-porous plastic tables that can be easily disinfected if possible.
- Think about touch points throughout the stand like baskets, tables, cash boxes, etc. Eliminate or disinfect as frequently as possible, at least at the end of the day.
- CDC is recommending use of disinfectants on the EPA list found at: [go.ncsu.edu/epacovid-19](https://www.epa.gov/epacovid-19)
  - **Note: this list is based on current data, but compounds have not been validated for inactivation of the virus causing COVID-19**
  - Bleach may be used to disinfect surfaces, but the concentration is higher for COVID-19 than for everyday sanitation: 5 tablespoons bleach per gallon of water

