COVID-19 Guidance at Markets

KEEP COVID-19 OUT OF OUR MARKETS

What can you do as a market authority?
As a market authority you can put a series of measures in place to reduce this risk.

Markets are central to any community.

As a place where people buy their food and other essential products.

But markets are places where the COVID-19 virus can spread quickly.
Proper Hygiene

- Make it mandatory for everyone to cover their mouth and nose in the market.
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- Replenish soap and hand sanitizer.
- Frequently clean all common areas, such as handwashing stations and restrooms.
- Separate zones where animals are slaughtered, processed or sold.
- Place handwashing or sanitizing stations at market entrances.
- Implement use of foot pumps or other touchless operations when possible.
- Where possible, set up a “health table” outside the market.
- Perform temperature checks of people entering the market.
- Maximise air flow throughout enclosed markets using open windows and fans.
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## Social Distancing

- Where possible, control the entry and exit of customers and vendors to limit crowding and set up a system for orderly, distanced, queuing.

- Discourage social engagement in the market.

- Keep people moving.

- Coordinate the timing for the set up, replenishment and break down of markets.

- Consider breaking down the market in the evening.

- Consider extended hours of operation to avoid crowding.

- Introduce explicit market times for the elderly and vulnerable.

- Where possible design a one-way flow pattern in your market, using arrows and other visual aids.
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Inform Customers and Vendors

Develop communication campaigns to inform market workers and customers about the risks of COVID-19.

Simple posters illustrating the “dos” and “don’ts” of COVID safety.

Posters illustrating safe food preparation and vending should be widely and prominently displayed.

Regularly broadcast safety guidelines using a public announcement system, speakers, or a megaphone.

Simple, easily understood information messages should be tailored.

Dissemination via several different platforms, including social media channels and mobile phones to encourage safety-oriented behavioural changes.
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Monitor and Enforce

- Monitor overcrowding at stalls and enforce social distancing.
- Monitor the use of face masks.
- Ensure the masks cover both the nose and mouth.
- Inform customers they cannot enter if they have any symptoms.
- Even if they have only mild or no symptoms.
- Or if they are positive for COVID-19.
- If anyone with COVID-19, or anyone who suspects to have, COVID-19 did enter the market, they should be asked to leave immediately.
Be part of the team that will make our markets safer.