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CITY OF EL PASO HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDERS AND GUIDANCE FOR OUTDOOR MARKETS (FLEA, FARMER'S, ETC.)

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The situation regarding COVID-19 in El Paso, Texas is continuously evolving and with the presence of community spread of COVID-19 in our community, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health's (DPH) Local Health Authority is issuing the following Orders and Guidance that must be followed to reduce the risk of exposure to and infection with COVID-19, as well as the protective measures which must be undertaken at outdoor markets and similar venues in El Paso County with the aim of protecting the health and well-being of all residents.

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Transmission of coronavirus in general occurs much more commonly through respiratory droplets than through contact with contaminated surfaces, but it is possible to get infected if one touches a contaminated surface and then touches their nose, eyes, or mouth. The risk of transmission appears to be proportional to the closeness and frequency of interaction between an infected individual and others who are not infected.

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Outdoor markets and other informal commerce activities are part of many traditions that have been passed from generation to generation and are a common practice in our region to buy or sell goods produced at home. However, these large events may lead to increase transmission of the virus, putting large amounts of people at risk of getting infected.

Social Distancing and Other Public Health Interventions

- Outdoor markets should be carried out taking into account appropriate social distancing of at least 6-ft between participants and clients.
- Outdoor markets should limit the number of participants to less than 500 people. For outdoor markets that will accept more than 500

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participants, the Local Health Authority will evaluate the current COVID-19 situation and determine what additional restrictions may be necessary.

- Permit for outdoor markets with greater than 500 participants should be solicited at least 30 days in advance to allow proper situation evaluation.
- All outdoor market participants and public in general should wear a form of face covering.
- Discourage outdoor market participants, workers and the public in general from greeting others with physical contact (e.g., handshakes). Include this reminder on signs about social distancing.
- Vendors shall not give out taste tests and product samples to the public or share any items between participants. Minimize the manipulation or merchandise by the public.
- An area separate from the general public and transit of people should be designated by the outdoor market for people that begin feeling sick. Outdoor market organizers should staff and be able to provide face coverings to those who are ill and being cared for in the sick area.
- Organizer should include in their marketing printed material to the public that anyone who is ill or considered to be an at-risk individual should stay home.
- Tables for exhibiting merchandise should be placed to allow at least 6-ft between individuals owning the table, booth or space.
- Walkways should be wide enough to provide ample way for people to walk in an organized manner in a single direction.
- Clear signs and displays around the outdoor market should be posted regarding the social distancing and face covering requirements.
- Ensure food areas, drink stations and other self-serve areas are clearly marked to adhere to established social distancing directives.
- Encourage touchless payments and digital ordering to further minimize touching of writing implements and high touch surfaces.

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- Display posters and signs to frequently remind guests to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (English and Spanish). These messages may include information about:
 - Staying home if you are sick or do not feel well, and what to do if you're sick or feel ill.
 - Reminders of facial hygiene and cleanliness, such as avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in the trash.
 - Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, people can use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Staff

- Outdoor markets organizer must adopt and implement a health screening policy for all staff and vendors, and establish protocols for employee and vendor exclusion if they develop any of the following symptoms:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cough	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeated shaking with chills	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of taste or smell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chills	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing		

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- Outdoor market organizer or representatives should consider using a touchless infrared thermometer to check the temperature of employees and vendors each day.
- Employees and vendors with a temperature above 100°F or with any of the above symptoms are recommended to be sent home.
- Do not allow employees or vendors with new or worsening signs or symptoms as listed above to return to work until:
 - In the case of an employee or vendor who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met:
 - No fever without the use of fever-reducing medications for at least 3 days (72 hours); **AND**
 - The individual has significant improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **AND**
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
 - In the case of an employee who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or
 - If the employee or vendor has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis.
- All employees and vendors must wear a face covering while at work and interacting with other employees and the public in general.
- Employees should and wash hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use disinfectant hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Employees may consider using gloves and should be encouraged to wash hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use disinfectant hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

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- Staff assigned to sick bay area should be wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) of at least N95 mask, gloves and eye protection.

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Sanitation

- Clean and disinfect surfaces and equipment routinely throughout the event.
 - Consider use of wipeable covers for electronics.
 - If no manufacturer guidance is available, consider the use of alcohol-based wipes or spray containing at least 70% alcohol to clean equipment buttons and touch screens.
- Practice hand hygiene frequently: wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Outdoor market organizers should supply sanitation stations at least 1 per every 12 vendors and ensure at least 10% of the stations are ADA accessible.
- Outdoor market organizers should supply portable restrooms at least 1 per every 25 vendors and ensure that at least 10% of the restrooms are ADA accessible.
- Ensure bathrooms at the event are supplied adequately with soap, water, and drying materials so the general public and staff can wash their hands as recommended.
- Event organizer must ensure adequate amount of trash receptacles are placed around the property.
- The Event Organizer shall provide an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for use if hand washing station is not in close proximity. The Event Organizer should consider placing alcohol-based hand sanitizer at frequently used locations such as registration desks, water stations, sick bay, etc. Vendors shall keep an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for use at every vendor table or if a vendor has more than one table at a single booth, on at least one vendor table within the booth.

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- Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces: including tables, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
- Frequently disinfect surfaces that may be contaminated with germs with EPA-approved products effective against emerging viral pathogens to include the virus that causes COVID-19. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, use of personal protective equipment). A list of products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens is available.

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