

Food Safety Plan 2020

Purpose

In order to protect our environment, our farmers, and our customers, Empower Project sets forth a food safety plan that will outline proper procedures and protocols. These steps will help to protect the health and safety of multiple individuals and partners within the scope of Empower Project. The following list serves to outline those people but it is not meant to be taken as all encompassing. Empower Project reserves the right to update this list at any time in writing or verbally.

Volunteer Safety

During Farm Work Volunteer Days

- A wash station will be available for volunteers to use before beginning and after completing farm work tasks, as well as whenever needed.
- Participants will need to bring their own garden gloves to ensure there is no cross contact surface touching between participants.
- Latex gloves are recommended as a secondary barrier between garden gloves.
- Participants must bring their own latex gloves should they wish to use them.
- Participants will practice social distancing of 6 feet minimum.
- After every volunteer day Empower Project will clean and disinfect tools used.
- Volunteer/Worker Travel Letters will be available for volunteers to print out or display on their mobile device.

Suggested Clothing

- Loose, long sleeved shirt.
- A closed toe, closed heel shoe. Best would be a hiking, or treaded tennis shoe.
- Long pants, long socks.

To Bring with you on Volunteer Days

- Cleaning wipes for personal use.
- Water, multiple bottles.
- Light snack for per personal needs.

Food Safety

Planting

- A small, dedicated team of volunteers are practicing CDC/Future Harvest recommended guidelines to upkeep social distancing and cleanliness measures.

Harvesting

- Only our farmer, Sabrina Simon, will be harvesting all produce. She will be outfitted with a mask, and gloves. Further precautions will be long sleeve and long pants to minimize potential for skin to skin contact.

Packaging

- Only our farm, Sabrina Simon, will be packaging the CSA food bundles or individual orders. She will be outfitted with masks, and gloves. Further precautions will be long sleeves and long pants to minimize potential for skin to skin contact.
- Hands will be washed before and after our farmer prepares to package items.
- Once packaged only gloved hands will be touching the food bundles to minimize potential for skin to packaging contact.

Delivery

- Only two persons, Sabrina Simon and Sarah Simmons will be delivering food bundles. They will be outfitted with masks, and gloves. Further precautions will be long sleeves and long pants to minimize potential for skin to skin contact.
- A small, dedicated team of volunteers may assist Sabrina and Sarah with the filling of the delivery vehicles.
 - Sabrina will deliver via bicycle. The bicycle will be cleaned before and after each use. The basket where food bundles are placed will be lined with a protective barrier prior to placing the food bundles inside.
 - Sarah will deliver via car. The inside of the car will be cleaned before and after each use. The trunk of the car where food bundles will be placed will be lined with a protective barrier prior to placing the food bundles inside.
- Hands will be washed before and after packaged items are placed into delivery vehicles.

Pick Up

- The pick up spot will be located away from foot traffic, tools, farming beds, and wash area.
- Specific directions for use of the pick up spot will be outlined in communication with Sabrina when scheduling your pick-up appointment.
 - If there is more than one customer, please wait inside your cars or at least 6 ft away from any other customer.
 - Do not touch other food bundles.
- A Limit of 10 customers at a time on the farm during pick up hours will be enforced by customers choosing a specific time to come and pick up their CSA share on a first come, first serve basis.