



Ontario Food Terminal Board

Buyers' Covid-19 Protocol - Effective July 26th, 2021

This Protocol Supersedes All Previous Versions

Covid-19 Self-Screening Prior to Entering the Ontario Food Terminal

- Ontario Regulation 364/20, requires all employers to conduct employee screening for Covid-19 whenever employees come to work. The Ontario Ministry of Health provides a screening tool questionnaire that you can use.
- No person shall enter the Terminal with a temperature higher than 38C. You must contact your primary health care provider, Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000) your Public Health or Toronto Public Health (416-338-7600) for clearance before returning to the OFT.
- No person shall enter the Terminal if they have a cough, fever, difficulty breathing, sore throat, trouble swallowing, running nose, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.
- No person shall enter the Terminal if they have travelled internationally or have been in close contact with another person who has travelled internationally, within the preceding 14-days, except to the United States.
- **All persons entering the Terminal must wear a face mask.**
- **Those persons entering the Terminal with a medical exemption must wear a face shield.**
- All persons must practice and maintain physical distancing in all areas of the Terminal.
- All persons are encouraged to download the Canada Covid-19 Alert App, so that you would be notified directly if you have been in contact with someone who was contagious with Covid-19.
- The use of gloves is strongly encouraged.

Limited buyer access to Farmers' Market area

- The temporary fencing around the Farmers' Market area was removed.
- Please be aware that the Farmers' Market tenants have returned and are using their leased stalls in the 600, 700 and 800 rows within the Farmers' Market open area.
- Buyer vehicles are permitted to park in the Farmers' Market Buyer Loading Canopy and in designated buyer parking spaces in front of the 600, 700 and 800 row stalls.
- Those buyers who wish to remain at vehicle and place phone orders can continue to do so and the product will be delivered to them in these parking areas.
- All persons must wear face masks and those persons with a medical exemption must wear a shield in all areas of the Terminal and properly dispose them into waste containers.
- Beginning at 3 a.m., buyers will be allowed to walk into the Farmers' Market area under the parking deck structure, negotiate price and purchase products as quickly as possible.
- Beginning at 6:00 a.m., buyer vehicles that are less than 25 feet in length are permitted to drive into the Farmers' Market area underneath the parking deck structure to park in designated buyer parking spaces to view products, negotiate price and purchase products.
- Buyers will be allowed to walk into tenant stalls to view product, if permitted by the Tenant.



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- Buyers waiting to speak to farmers must comply with physical distancing protocols issued by Toronto Public Health.
- Buyers are allowed to use two wheeled dollies and/or flower carts to carry purchased product to their vehicles.
- After placing an order, buyers must return to their vehicle and the order will be delivered to the vehicle for loading.

Buyer Access to Warehouse Area and Docks

- Buyers are permitted to gain access to the dock system and those warehouses who permit access to view produce offered for sale as long as all Public Health guidelines are followed including physical distancing.
- Those buyers who wish to use a two wheeled cart to transport their produce purchases to their vehicles can do so on the dock and it will be up to the warehouse tenant's discretion as to whether or not to permit the cart into their warehouse space.
- Otherwise, tenants will bring the produce to your vehicle for you to load.

Limited movement for buyers and drivers at the Terminal

- No entry to second floor office spaces.
- Buyers are allowed access to the mezzanine offices within the warehouse.
- Buyers are not permitted to wait or line up in front of warehouses for an opening. Buyers are to return to their trucks or move to another available warehouse.

Advance orders and electronic payments

- If you prefer, place your orders either in advance or by phone or digitally once you get to OFT.
- Buyers are encouraged to make arrangements with tenants for electronic payments.

Reduce the spread of illness through preventive measures

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands and avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Emphasize to your employees and buyers to stay home when they have a cough, fever, or have difficulty breathing.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then immediately throw the tissue in the garbage and wash your hands. If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve or arm.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay at least 2 metres away from other people wherever possible. No physical contact, like handshakes, permitted.