

QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

COVID-19 Visitor Information *as of July 30, 2020*

We are in this together!

Queens County Farm Museum's urban farm provides an opportunity for all of us to connect with nature through this historic site. Visitors must adhere to Queens Farm site signage and guidelines for the safety of themselves and farm visitors and staff or they will be asked to leave the site. Help us to support you by working to make this an enriching, safe experience for everyone. Please note that news, schedule changes and program updates will be posted here and on the farm's social media platforms as they develop.

General Guidelines

Visitor Hours are: 10:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Sunday except for New Year's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and during special events. Admission is free except during special events. Daily visiting hours may change in accordance with city protocols.

New York State COVID-19 Guidelines & Protocols

Maintain 6 feet of social distance between household groups; and wear face coverings when 6-foot social distancing is not possible, unless a face covering is not medically tolerated. Visitors and employees must stay home if they are sick.

There are limited public restrooms available in the Barn. The cleaning schedule is posted. Please note that the entrance and exit to this facility have been changed to create one-way traffic flow. Hand sanitizer is available in the facility.

Farm Store/Welcome Center is open 11:00am – 3:00pm, Monday – Sunday. Please note that the entrance and exit to this facility has been changed to create one-way traffic flow. Hand sanitizer is available in the facility. One household group is permitted in the farm store at a time due to COVID-19 capacity guidelines. Cashless transactions are preferred.

Farmstand at Queens Farm is open 11:00am – 3:00pm, Wednesday – Sunday.

FARMSTAND VISITOR GUIDELINES:

- Wear a face mask or face covering inside the market space and on line.
- Maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself, farmstand staff and other customers.
- Try to keep your market shopping trip as quick as possible.
- Do not pick up any products or produce at the farmstand, ask an employee to help you.
- No bikes or dogs allowed into the farmstand space.
- Limit your party to 1-2 people.
- Wash all produce thoroughly before using it.
- Please use designated entrance and exit during your visit.

Personal Care:

- If you are sick, stay home
- Thoroughly wash your hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds

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- If hand washing is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Regularly wash your reusable produce bags
- If you sneeze or cough, do so only into a tissue (and immediately dispose of it) or into the crease of your elbow

COVID GUIDELINES FOR FARMSTAND STAFF SAFETY:

- Queens County Farm Museum has been in constant contact with city health officials, and we continue to follow their guidance.
- Set up will allow for shoppers to maintain a healthy physical distance between each other
- Place markers to keep shoppers at least six feet apart
- Requiring all market shoppers and staff to wear a face covering
- QCFM staff must wear protective gloves
- QCFM will regulate customer flow and ensure physical distancing
- Only Queens County Farm Museum staff may handle products. Customers must not touch any produce or products until after they have been purchased
- There is no sampling of products until further notice
- Farmstand tables will be covered by vinyl or plastic table covers for easy sanitizing
- QCFM staff will regularly sanitize the site, primarily wiping down tables, terminals, cash boxes, etc.
- Reminder notices to staff about proper food handling will be provided
- QCFM staff must stay home if they are sick
- QCFM will provide hand sanitizer at point of sale for customers
- QCFM farm team follows New York State guidelines for food safety when picking and preparing food for farmstand.

The farm's walk-in compost drop-off site is open for residential food scraps daily, 10:00am - 4:00pm in the farm's tumbler bins located on north side of grounds next to apiary.

Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, the historic Adriance Farmhouse is closed.

Petting Zoo is closed.

Outdoor Events & Programming

For admission based outdoor programming, Queens County Farm Museum will implement new ticketing procedures, visitor policies and reduced capacity that will be program-specific based on New York State social distancing standards to promote the health and safety of visitors, staff, and volunteers.

To ensure that we do not exceed program capacity, we will require members and general admission visitors to pre-purchase admission tickets through the farm's online ticketing system. Tickets will no longer be sold at the door on event days. We will only offer contactless scanning check-in for all event visitors. Please have available your tickets, either printed or on your mobile device. As a backup please note your ticket numbers as well. Visitors and employees must stay home if they are sick. If you purchased tickets in advance but become ill, we will honor your tickets when you have recovered.