**Gift Market Safety Guidelines**

**Before Hosting a Gift Market:**

* Follow local and state policies related to group gatherings to determine if a gift market can be held in person, or if it must be held virtually
* Consider hosting the market over a multi-day period to reduce attendance at any one time
* Consider dedicating a time slot of the market to those who are high-risk (the elderly, immunocompromised, pregnant, etc.)

**When Promoting Your Market:**

* Advise attendees prior to the market that they should not attend if they have symptoms of, a positive test for, or were recently exposed (within 14 days) to COVID-19
* Describe the protective measures that will be used to assure attendees that safety is a priority
* Create a crowdfund via the AGI website to offer the option of online participation in the market
* Encourage volunteers and attendees to bring their own water to minimize touching and use of water fountains

**While Setting Up Your Market Space:**

* Consider posting signs at entrances asking that attendees not enter if they have symptoms of, a positive test for, or were recently exposed (within 14 days) to COVID-19
* Create a one-way flow of traffic through the market, and place markers on the floor to help attendees maintain the appropriate social distance of at least 6 feet
* In areas where it is difficult for individuals to remain at least 6 feet apart, such as booths and cash registers, consider installing physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions

**During Your Market:**

* Require the use of cloth face coverings for everyone at the event
* Limit the capacity to allow for social distancing
* Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces within the venue hourly or between uses as much as possible—for example, door handles, sink handles, hand railings, booth/table surfaces and cash registers
* Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaners and disinfectants to avoid harm to event volunteers and other individuals. Always read and follow label instructions for each product, and store products securely away from children
* Limit the number of people who occupy the restroom at one time to allow for social distancing
* If using pens, separate the clean/disinfected pens from used pens and clearly label each
* Increase the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, and consider propping open entrance doors to minimize touchpoints

To download our **FREE** resources to help you promote safety at your market event, visit the link here: <https://alternativegifts.org/giving/gift-markets/market-resources-page>