Best Practices and Precautions for Produce Auctions

Auction Hosts

- **Do not** allow anyone ill, showing signs of illness or who has been in contact with someone sick/tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks to attend or work the event.
- Discourage anyone aged 60+ and/or immunocompromised from attending or working.
- Wear a cloth mask if attending, per Centers for Disease Control recommendations.
- Limit event attendance to the maximum allowed by current local, state and federal guidelines (50 people at publication time).
- Maintain one single, staffed point of entry to ensure attendance limits.
- Enforce social distancing guidelines of remaining at least 6 feet apart at all times.
- Request that producers offload produce one hour prior to auction and then leave the site.
- Suspend table-market options.
- Split duties for payment and bagging between two different people.
- Wear disposable gloves to avoid contamination.
- Change disposable gloves whenever changing tasks.
- Undertake additional cleaning and sanitation protocols and recommendations, such as:
  - Regular cleaning of contact surfaces.
  - Hand-washing or hand-sanitizer stations.
  - Reminders on how to properly wash hands.
  - Encouragement of visitors to wash or sanitize their hands.
  - Communicate new and amended policies through entrance signage.

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Auction Attendees / Workers

- **Do not** attend or work if you feel ill, show signs of illness or have been in contact with someone sick/tested positive for COVID-19 in the last two weeks
- **Do not** attend if you are aged 60+ and/or immunocompromised
- Wear a cloth mask if attending, per Centers for Disease Control recommendations
- Attend only if you intend to purchase produce
- Avoid unnecessary handling of produce
- Ensure that all hired drivers stay with their vehicles
- Wash your hands before entering the event, after handling produce and when you return home

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