

Farm Safety Protocols

In spite of dealing with an international pandemic, Massaro Community Farm's mission remains the same - dedication to maintaining an organic farm operation, feeding people through our CSA subscription program and food donations, and building community by sharing our space with friends for learning, inspiration and fun.

As the farm resumes certain activities, please know that we are taking the following steps to ensure the safety of our staff and farm visitors:

- WEAR A MASK - this applies to all farm staff, contractors, volunteers and visitors.
- MAINTAIN SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCE - our farm staff are front line workers, observing food safety standards for handling food. Please respect and maintain a 6 foot distance from farm staff at all times.
- Farm buildings are designated 'Staff Only' for the time being. This means that visitors are welcome on the farm but are respectfully asked not to enter the Dairy Barn or any other buildings, sheds, greenhouse or high tunnel until further notice.
- Two porta potties have been installed - one behind the greenhouse (near the south field gate) and one next to the north field pump house - for use by farm guests. Hand washing stations with soap, paper towels and hand sanitizer are available at both locations.
- We do make gloves and tools available for use by volunteers on the farm, that are sanitized regularly. However, if you have any concerns about sharing tools or are immune-compromised, you are encouraged to bring your own tools.
- Any and all programs offered at the farm will follow state and federal guidelines for outdoor gatherings during the pandemic. These may change from time to time. Please contact the farm office at (203) 736-8618 with any questions.
- The Nature Trail remains open to the public for your enjoyment.

Youth Education Community Waiver

As Massaro Community Farm resumes on-farm educational programming, we are taking adequate steps to ensure the safety and health of our staff and program participants. Therefore, as part of our registration process, we ask that you review and sign the following community health waiver. Please review this waiver with your household. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at (203-736-8618) with any questions or concerns with the new community waiver. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

By having my child participate in Massaro Educational Programs, I agree:

- All members of our household have not experienced common symptoms of Covid-19 within the past two weeks, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- If any member of our household has experienced two or more of these symptoms recently, we have been tested for Covid-19 and received a negative result. If we are testing during program involvement at the farm and received a positive result, we will notify Massaro Community Farm within 24 hours of receiving said test results.
- If any program participant comes into contact with someone who tests positive for Covid-19, we will notify Massaro Community Farm within 24 hours. Contacts can include but will not be limited to schoolteachers, co-workers, child caretakers, guests in your home, etc. Exceptions are made if a member of the household is a healthcare worker directly working with Covid-19 patients in a hospital or clinic. If this occurs, our child will not participate in programming for 14 days.
- In the event that local schools do experience a Covid-19 outbreak causing a disruption in the planned school schedule, Massaro Community Farm will halt its program until programs can safely resume at the farm.
- My child will be temperature screened upon arrival at the farm using a no-contact infrared thermometer. If my child presents with a fever (greater than or equal to 100.4 F), we will ask that the child refrains from farm programming for 14 days.
- Educational Programming could require wearing masks. Masks will be mandatory when participating in close-proximity outdoor programming, as well as during pick up and drop off. However, children will have the option of removing masks while we are properly socially distanced outdoors.
- I have reviewed the updated behavior policy (attached) and understand that social distancing and mask wearing will be utilized whenever possible during farm programs.

If a member of our household travels out of Connecticut to a state currently listed as a travel advisory state (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>), the child will not participate in on-farm programming for 14 days.

To ensure the safety of our staff, all buildings at Massaro Community Farm will be off limits. Farm staff may cancel programming in the event of inclement weather. Every effort will be made to provide at least 24 hours advance notice of any cancelation.

I will be reimbursed or any missed or cancelled classes due to Covid-19 precautions (inclement weather, pending Covid-19 test, positive Covid-19 test, Covid-19 outbreak in local schools, etc).

Massaro Community Farm (MCF) in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in its programs or accessing MCF facilities. I agree that I have full knowledge of the extent and nature of the risks inherent in use of the facilities/equipment or participation in activities at MCF.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____