

School Plant Sales & COVID-19

Plant sales at schools are allowed under the current Safer-At-Home Order!*

There are just a few things you have to keep in mind.

What are the requirements for schools to operate a plant sale?

Schools must:

- Use curbside pick-up and follow all other current Order* requirements.
- Comply with social distancing requirements between all individuals including staff, customers/families, and members of the public.
- Restrict the number of workers present to no more than that necessary to perform “essential business” operations.
- Increase standards of facility cleaning and disinfection to limit exposure to COVID-19, as well as adopting protocols to clean and disinfect in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in the school setting.
- Adopt policies to prevent staff from entering the premises if they display respiratory symptoms or have had contact with a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19.

What is required by the Orders for curbside pick-up?

Curbside pick-up is one of the first services to be allowed beginning April 24, 2020. This service is considered safe as long as the #28 Safer at Home Orders are followed.

When performing curbside pick-up, the Orders require the following:

- All operations for curbside pickup must be performed by one worker in a room or confined space.
- Customers must order online or by phone and purchase goods in advance of curbside pick-up.
- Goods must be pre-packaged.
- Pick-ups must be scheduled to ensure social distancing.
- No customer signature is to be required.

School staff who are preparing the plants must abide by the following:

- Maintain 6 feet between people. School staff must comply with Social Distancing Requirements per Section 16 of the Orders.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- Cover coughs or sneezes into sleeve or elbow.
- Regularly clean high-touch surfaces (doorknobs, handles, tabletops) using CDC cleaning guidelines.
- Do not shake hands.
- Follow all other DHS and CDC public health recommendations.

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What other public health best practices are recommended for curbside pick-up?

- Schedule pickup times, asking for description of vehicle or other pick-up details.
- Have school staff wash hands and/or sanitize both immediately prior to and after pick-ups.
- Consider having school staff wear a face covering. See our factsheet and CDC recommendations for more information on face coverings.
- Have school staff wear gloves for putting materials into single-use plastic bags or packaging for pick-up.
- Instruct students/families/customers to remain in their vehicle, open their trunk, and have school staff place items in trunk to avoid contact, or designate a pick-up area or table.
- Post signs where pickup is to occur reminding students/families/customers to remain in vehicle, and windows up to promote social distancing. For customers not in automobiles, consider other ways to handle pick-up without having customer contact (i.e. text message, table with labeled bag for on-foot pick-up). See our Social Distancing Poster and Social Distancing Guidance for Businesses.
- Keep bathrooms closed to students/families/customers at this time.
- Reuse of plastic bags or packaging material is discouraged at this time.

What are school plant sales not allowed to do?

- No door to door solicitation.
- No students/families/customers allowed in facility for sales or restroom use.

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