User’s guide to shopping at CoCo Markets during Covid-19

CoCo Markets are open in Marlay Park on Saturday and Sunday from 11th July and in Dun Laoghaire on Sunday from 12th July, with the usual trading hours. Due to COVID restrictions the Dun Laoghaire CoCo Market is moving from Peoples Park to Queen’s Road. If you live near the Market, we are well stocked with fresh produce, groceries and other essential foods. We also have hot food available for takeaway.

In line with the government guidelines we continue to operate with social distancing measures. During peak times you may have to queue to access the Market and will be asked to move on after you have finished shopping. We kindly ask that you do not congregate at the Market and consume your food and drinks offsite. We ask that you adhere to these simple guidelines, designed to ensure our CoCo Markets remain a safe place to shop and work. We are all in this together, and we each have a vital role to play. Here’s a quick guide:

— All areas of the Market are now open with social distancing guidelines in place
— If we’re busy, you may be asked to queue to enter the Market, so please be patient.
— CoCo Markets are open in Marlay on Saturday and Sunday and in Dun Laoghaire on Sunday.
— Sanitation Stations will be positioned at entry points
— You may find staff asking you to keep a safe distance apart from each other. There are markings on the ground to help you do this when queuing. If a stand gets too busy, you may be asked to come back when it’s less crowded
— You’ll be asked to come, shop and be responsible. Service will be friendly but fast. Our traders usually love a chat, and they will again in the future, but for now speed and safety are of the essence.
— All communal seating has been removed. Please don’t linger to eat anything you buy here, no matter how nice a day it is.
— Please don’t come in groups any larger than strictly necessary for you to buy the essentials you need. The fewer bodies here, the safer everyone will be.
— Please pay with cards if at all possible.
— Please try not to pick up and put down items of produce while you are shopping. Most importantly, ensure that you wash any uncovered purchases when you get home, and—of course—wash your hands thoroughly before and after cooking.
— Usually we would be happy for people to bring reusable cups and containers, but for now we would ask you to refrain from doing so.
— Keep your distance but be kind and don’t be afraid to share a nod and a smile.

While it is of course vitally important that you avoid unnecessary travel, our small, independent traders will be hugely appreciative of your support.