



COVID-19 Garage/Yard Sale Guidelines

As Chicago begins to reopen and given that summer is so short, we understand that garage sales and yard sales will begin popping up throughout the city. It is important for residents to keep in mind the importance of physical distancing and hand hygiene when holding a sale to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Know How it Spreads

The virus that causes COVID-19 primarily spreads between people in close contact when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. You might also get the virus if you touch something with the virus on it, and then touch your mouth, nose, or eyes.

Follow These Guidelines

Keep yourself and your customers safe at your garage/yard sale by doing the following:

- Place posters encouraging physical distancing for customers to see upon arrival and while shopping.
- Set up tables and chairs at least 6 feet apart.
- Use heavy-duty tape to form a flow for customers to follow throughout the sale.
- Ask customers to stand in a line, while spread apart, during high traffic times.
- Clean and disinfect frequently -- clean all tables and chairs several times throughout the day.
- Make sure all merchandise is washed and dried and/or wiped down with a disinfectant product before placing on a table or chair for sale.
- Wipe down all tables and chairs using disinfectant at the end of the day or in the morning before the next day of the sale.
- Wear a cloth face covering during the sale when physical distancing is not possible.
- Have hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol on tables and other places for customers to use.
- Wash your own hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If you are sick cancel your garage sale and stay home.

For more information on COVID-19 please visit [Chicago.gov/coronavirus](https://chicago.gov/coronavirus), email coronavirus@chicago.gov or call 312-746-4835.