

KEEPING IT CLEAN AT THE CORONA COOP

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Please read the Shopping Protocols – Do your part to help the Coop provide a safe working and shopping environment | Photo by Caroline Mardok

By Jiwon Choi

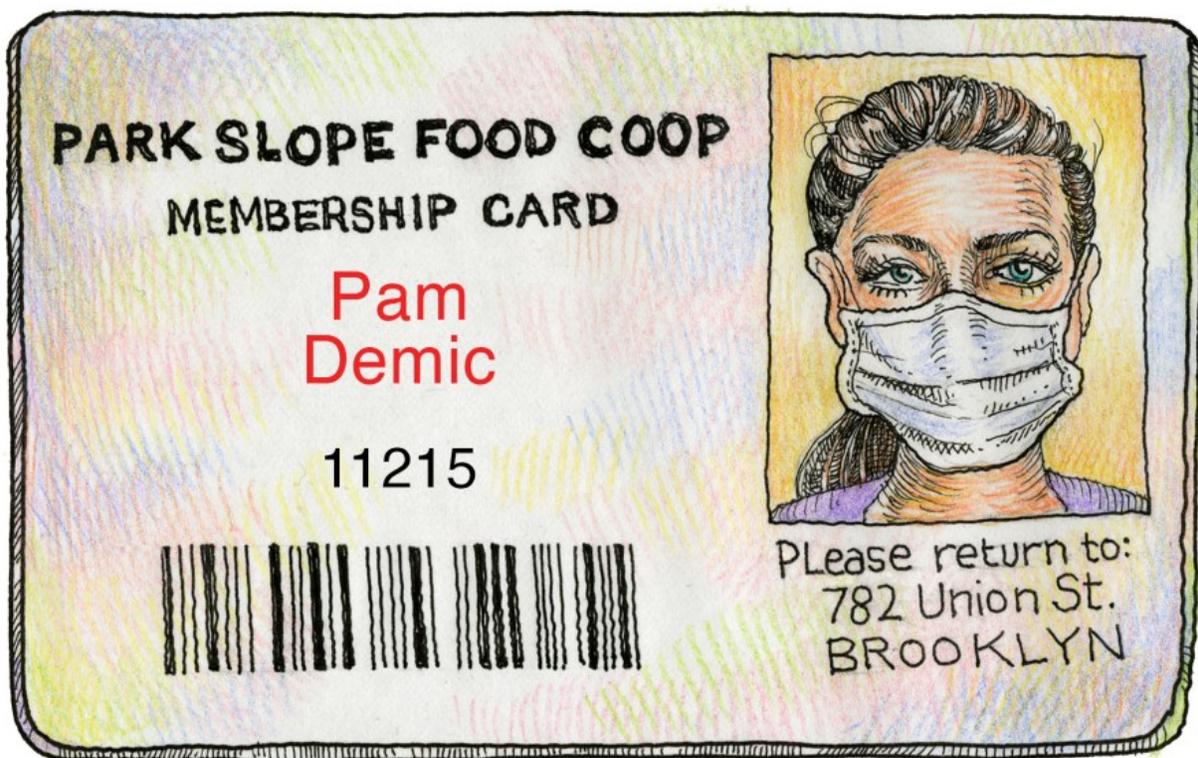
Seven weeks ago, when lines were just beginning to snake up Union Street and items like toilet paper, frozen and canned goods started growing scarce, the Coop proactively instituted policies to ensure a safer shopping and working environment for its members. Sanitation safety protocols were posted at the entry check-in and on the Coop's website and social media platforms. Signs mandated using hand sanitizer upon entering the Coop, wiping down one's cart handles, and maintaining social distance. Shopping lanes displayed markers demonstrating the recommended six feet of separation. According to the Coop website, the number of shoppers allowed in the building would be limited to comply with Governor Andrew Cuomo's executive orders on social dis-

tancing. Restrictions would also apply to those waiting outside. In this fashion, the Coop prioritized the health and safety of our paid staff and shopping members over sales.



CORONAVIRUS PUTS COOP IN FINANCIAL SQUEEZE

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By Leila Darabi

The Covid-19 crisis has put the Coop in a financial squeeze as sales have nosedived and labor costs have increased due to new safety procedures.

The details of that squeeze and the Coop's strategy for dealing with it were explained on April 1 by Coop co-founder and general manager Joe Holtz in an interview with the *Gazette*. He also talked about supply lines, safety procedures and the pressure the pandemic is putting on the staff.



PANDEMIC GIVES NEW MEANING TO LINE WAITING

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For many of the Coop's dedicated members standing in line for 1 1/2 - 2 hours is worth the wait. | Photo by Rod Morrison.

By Peter Grant

When the pandemic hit and the long lines started forming outside the Coop, I had a disagreement with my wife, Sharon, over whether the store's great food and low prices were worth the wait.

She was right, as usual. The Coop is worth waiting for.



MEMBER-LABOR WORK REQUIREMENT TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

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As of Monday, March 23, the Coop member-labor work requirement is suspended until further notice. This protocol will be updated as needed so please go to foodcoop.com for the latest information.

PLEASE DO NOT COME TO YOUR WORK SHIFT BEGINNING ON MARCH 23.

Thank you for continuing to support your Coop! As an essential service, the Park Slope Food Coop remains open to shoppers and ready to serve our community.

Workslot Requirement Temporarily SUSPENDED as of Monday, March 23



SHOPPING AND FACILITY UPDATE

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Update as of Thursday, March 25. This information will be updated as needed so please go to foodcoop.com for the latest information.

Shopping Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m

Members must be on the line outside by 7:00 p.m. at the latest. The Coop reserves the right to make the deadline for getting in line earlier than 7:00 p.m. if the wait time on the outside line exceeds the ability to get everyone in the Coop by closing.

Wait times can vary greatly depending upon the conditions in the Coop. Plan ahead by getting in line early. Line information will be updated on @ foodcoop on Instagram or Twitter.



PLAYBOOK FOR A PLANT-RICH DIET

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Photo by Ella Olsson | Pexels

How to Eat Less Meat and More Plants

By John B. Thomas

The phrase “plant-rich diet” has been gaining traction in the past several years as we seek solutions to curb the greenhouse gas emissions from the food system that are contributing to global climate change.

The production of animal-based food, especially beef and dairy, contributes a huge portion of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions – nearly 20%. If cows were their own country, they would be the third largest greenhouse gas emitter after China and the U.S. (Project Drawdown).

