

# RENTON FARMERS MARKET

## Modified Market FAQ Sheet



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In this document you will find FAQ's regarding:

- Health Screenings
- Social Distancing
- Sanitation
- Food Access
- General Inquiry

**NOTE: Guidance comes from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health (DOH), current as of May 29, 2020. This information is subject to change.**

### HEALTH SCREENINGS

**Q: How will the Renton Farmers Markets respond if a Market worker tests positive for COVID-19?**

**A:**

- Vendors are asked to self-screen before they attend the Market each Tuesday, and Market staff will screen them again when they arrive at the Market.
- Vendors are instructed to report a positive COVID-19 diagnosis to the Market Coordinator.
- Market staff will follow the DOH guidelines on quarantine and isolation if staff or vendors have COVID-19 symptoms or are exposed to someone who is sick.
- A person who has tested positive for COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions for 7 days after symptoms begin, or until 72 hours after fever is gone, whichever is longer.
- Any staff or vendor who has been in close contact with a sick person, but who are not presently sick, should not go to work for 14 days after their last close contact, and quarantine themselves. They should watch for symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath. Close contact includes being within six (6) feet of a sick person with COVID-19 for approximately 10 minutes.

**Q: How will you ensure all Market staff and volunteers are screened for COVID-19?**

**A:**

- All Market staff and volunteers will self-screen before they attend the Market each Tuesday, and they will be screened again when they arrive at the Market.
- All Market staff and volunteers will be required to stay home if they are sick, exhibiting symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), or have knowingly been directly exposed to COVID-19. They are required to immediately report any symptoms, known exposure to anyone with a confirmed case of COVID, or fever over 100.4°F to the Market Manager and to isolate at home per current CDC recommendations.
- If any Market staff person or volunteer reports or exhibits symptoms during a shift, they will be immediately asked to leave and to contact their doctor for further guidance.

**Q: How will you ensure all Market vendors are screened for COVID-19 symptoms?**

**A:**

- Market staff will be stationed at entrances to screen vendors before they enter the Market footprint based on DOH criteria. Vendors exhibiting symptoms or who have had recent exposure will not be permitted on the premises.
- All vendors will be reminded to stay home if they are sick, exhibiting symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), or have knowingly been directly exposed to COVID-19. All vendors are required to report any symptoms, known exposure to anyone with a confirmed case of COVID, or fever over 100.4°F to the Market Manager.

**Q: Will customers who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 be excluded from the Market?**

**A:**

- There will be signs with recommendations from CDC and DOH posted at the Market entrance. Prior to Market entry, Market staff will communicate the expected shopper behavior – including staying home if feeling ill.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**Q: What is the social distancing protocol at the Farmers Market?**

**A:**

- Limit the number of shoppers to 2 per vendor booth through controlled perimeters, and entry and exit points.
- Encouraging customers to send just one member per household and shop quickly in the Market. Know before you go – make a shopping list!
- Market staff and volunteers will monitor the crowds and remind customers to maintain six (6) feet of distance between each other.
- Demarcation lines are placed at six (6)-foot intervals leading up to the Market entrance. If the Market is at capacity and customers are waiting, Market staff and volunteers will remind shoppers to maintain distancing by waiting on the 6-foot, spray-painted dots.

**Q: How will you enforce social distancing at the Farmers Market?**

**A:**

- Market staff and volunteers will share the responsibility of monitoring space in the Market, and reminding customers or vendors to adhere to proper distancing requirements.

**Q: How will vendors maintain recommended distance during set up and break down?**

**A:**

- Vendor booths will be spaced 10 feet apart, creating enough distance for 1 to 2 shoppers at a time.
- Vendors will be allowed to park their vehicle behind or next to their booth to reduce the steps they travel and for easier loading and unloading, reducing the amount of 'touches' to product.

## **SANITATION**

**Q: How will the Farmers Market ensure sanitation on Market days?**

**A:**

- Market staff and volunteers must wear protective gloves, masks, and ensure regular and proper handwashing.
- Surfaces in vendor booths with 'high touch' items such as tables, electronic terminals, etc. will be sanitized regularly.
- Market staff will conduct regular and ongoing checks for handwashing stations and sanitizing supplies in addition to regular food safety controls.
- All staff processing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/EBT at the Market Manager booth will be required to wear protective gloves and conduct regular handwashing.

**Q: Will there be hand sanitizer available to the public?**

**A:**

- Yes! A hand sanitizer station will be available at the entrance and exit of the Market.

**Q: Will customers be required to wear facemasks?**

**A:**

- Everyone will be strongly encouraged to wear facemasks. All vendors, vendor staff, and Market staff and volunteers must wear masks for the duration of the Market.

**Q: What type of protective equipment will vendors and your staff use throughout the duration of the Market?**

**A:**

- Market vendors are required to wear masks.

- Vendors will wear protective gloves, separate cash and product handling, and ensure regular and proper handwashing.

**Q: Will dogs be allowed?**

**A:**

- Only Service Animals will be allowed.

**Q: Will customers be able to bring their own reusable bag?**

**A:**

- We encourage it! However, vendors will not be permitted to fill bags for you – that will be each shopper’s responsibility.

## **FOOD ACCESS**

**Q: Will there still be food access options at the Market?**

**A:**

- YES! As usual, you can visit the Market Manager booth to double your SNAP benefits with SNAP Market Match bucks to spend at the Farmers Market.

## **GENERAL INQUIRIES**

**Q: Will the Market be in the normal locations and operating at their usual times?**

**A:**

- The Market will move to the west of Piazza Park, across Logan Ave S to Gateway Park, and stage in the larger gravel area.
- The Market continue its normal hours of operation from 3pm to 7pm

**Q: Will vendors be accepting cash?**

**A:**

- Yes, and they will be following DOH guidelines for safely handling bills.

**Q: Why are farmers markets allowed to operate?**

**A:**

- Washington State Governor, Jay Inslee, deems farmers markets as essential for food. Agriculture is the most essential act, and farmers markets serve as essential links between farmers and consumers.

**Q: How can I help make the Renton Farmers Market a success?**

**A:**

- During your Market visit:
  - Please be alert! The Market has major modifications and there are new signs to help you safely and efficiently move through the Market.

- Maintain six (6) feet of space whenever possible. This is crucial! Look for physical cues like tape, chalk, and signs all around as reminders.
- Shop quickly and efficiently.
- This isn't the time to chat, but air 'High Fives' are welcome!
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth and face in general.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then dispose of it.
- Wear a facemask.

While farmers markets are often spaces for socializing, remember that this is not their primary purpose. City of Renton's current mission is to facilitate farm, food and sanitation-focused markets that support Washington's small-family farms, ensuring food access for all, and nurturing a connection between producers and consumers. Basic needs, including those for food, drink, and agriculture, have not changed during the COVID-19 epidemic. Open-air markets with transparent and short supply chains can be the safest and best ways to obtain food during this crisis. We appreciate your cooperation during this unusual time!

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