



COVID-19 STATEMENT FOR RENTON FARMERS MARKET 2021 OPERATIONS

In order to help slow the spread of COVID-19 cases in Washington State and ensure that hospital and medical systems are not overwhelmed, the City of Renton and Renton Farmers Market (RFM) will work closely with Public Health - Seattle & King County (PHSKC) to take necessary steps to protect public health. In this rapidly changing situation, it is important for RFM and vendors to be in constant communication and understand the requirements and any changes as they happen. Changes will be communicated as far in advance as possible but may occur as late as Market day.

As an essential business, farmers can play an important role in protecting Market staff, volunteers, vendors, and shoppers from COVID-19 by following these recommended personal and environmental hygiene practices.

To comply with PHSKC COVID-19 regulations in 2020, RFM moved physical operations one block west, from Piazza Park to Gateway Park. It is anticipated that RFM will continue to operate at Gateway Park in 2021 for as long as COVID-19 restrictions are in place. This location will have specific protocols for entry/exit, booth assignments, spaces allowed, and set-up/tear down that will be communicated with all vendors prior to opening day.

Some requirements for the 2021 RFM season may include, but are not limited to:

1. Masks may be required for all Market staff, vendors, and shoppers in accordance with orders from the Washington State Secretary of Health.
2. RFM will apply the social distancing recommendations to any lines that form inside or outside of the Market; vendors are responsible for maintaining social distancing at their booths and in any lines that form for their booths. If you are a vendor with high-volume traffic, you may be required to utilize spacing tools for lines. If you are unable to meet these requirements, you may lose your selling privileges at RFM.
3. No self-service of foods; only vendors may handle food products and bags for shoppers.
4. No product sampling.
5. Vendors must continuously clean and sanitize commonly touched surfaces and meet the environmental cleaning guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and have a hand-wash station inside each vendor booth at all times.
6. RFM will conduct daily checks for symptoms of illness for Market staff, volunteers, and vendors. Vendors must stay home when they are sick. If a vendor arrives at RFM exhibiting symptoms they will not be allowed to sell at RFM that day.
7. Vendors will prominently display any signage provided to them by RFM as required.

You are responsible for knowledge of and compliance with all COVID-19 requirements that apply to your vendor operations at RFM, whether or not a requirement is listed on this sheet. If you are unable or unwilling to comply with any applicable requirement, you will not be allowed to vend at RFM.

If you are in a high-risk category for coronavirus - people with underlying health conditions, people 60 or older, those with weakened immune systems or those who are pregnant - consider staying home until the risk of COVID-19 has passed.

The Governor's 'Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery' proclamation requires employers in King County (in non-healthcare settings) to notify PHSKC "within 24 hours" if they suspect COVID-19 is spreading in their workplace, or if there are two or more confirmed or suspected cases among their employees in a 14- day period.