

Farmers Market Safety Precautions during COVID-19

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**The GPFM will begin Saturday, May 2nd from 9am - 12:30pm*

Changes recommended by the Marion County Public Health Department and GPFM:

During the COVID-19 statewide restrictions, we will need to operate as a traditional food - focused farmers market, similar to a grocer, offering essential grocery items ONLY.

- No food trucks
- No home-based-vendors
- No craft items to be sold
- No demos or sampling
- ALL food sold should be pre-packaged in a licensed facility and labeled according to federal guidelines. We encourage produce vendors to pre-package as much as possible.
- Pet food and personal hygiene products will be allowed.

To keep everyone as safe as possible, we need to eliminate some of the aspects of our market that give our customers and vendors the opportunity to socialize. We will resume these community engagement activations as soon as it is safe to do so.

- No Music
- No Community Partner Vendors
- No Pets
- No Kids Tent Activities
- No ready-to-eat hot foods
- No food or beverage can be consumed on site by customers

Extra safety precautions we recommend for Vendors and Customers alike:

- Please use common sense and social distancing when shopping at the market. We recommend that you bring your own masks and gloves. We will have social distancing guidelines marked in front of vendors so you know where to stand, 6 feet away from other individuals.
- Please pre-order and pre-pay with individual vendors as much as possible. We will have instructions for you when you arrive if you wish to have a volunteer bring your groceries to you. We are encouraging everyone to “get in and get out” as quickly as possible.
- Use cards instead of cash if you can.
- Please do not shop with others or in a group if you can avoid it, use the 1-cart-1-person model. Unless you are forced to shop with young children, please rejoin your group in the park outside of the market area.
- We will have multiple hand-washing stations available.
- We will provide hand sanitizer at each vendor booth, and will have extra masks and gloves as supplies are available.
- Vendors are encouraged to simplify their booth set-up, eliminating any decor that makes surfaces harder to sanitize.
- Vendors are encouraged to have 2 people working their booth, one to handle transactions and one to handle product.
- Vendors are encouraged to keep most of their products behind them, except for display items. Keeping in mind to have 6 feet of distance between themselves and customers.

Lastly, we have decided to waive all vendor fees this season to help off-set the economic hardship on our farmers and local small businesses. We will be announcing ways for the public to support our non-profit in these efforts in the days to come.

Thank you as always and stay safe!