



## Farmers' Markets: COVID-19 Guidance and Action Plan

### June 26/2020 Update

If a Farmers' Market within Peterborough City or County wishes to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic, they must submit the following applications before opening to the public:

1. A customized COVID-19 Action Plan (this document).
2. An updated vendor list and assessment form (found [here](#)).

These forms and any questions should be submitted at least two weeks prior to market opening to [mfaris@peterboroughpublichealth.ca](mailto:mfaris@peterboroughpublichealth.ca)



Farmers' Market operators must be aware that though their Farmers' Market **may** be able to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic, they will **not** be able to operate as they normally would. Items that can be sold will be restricted, as will the social activities typical of a Farmers' Market.

Please read through the list of requirements below. Select the precautionary measures your Farmers' Market will be taking and provide further details where necessary. Where a requirement is not selected, please provide an alternative in the notes section below.

1. ☐ Have clear market **entry** and **exit** areas.
2. ☐ Have clear signage and directions for **one-way customer traffic flow**. Barriers to create a better one-way flow through the market may be necessary.
3. ☐ Clear [signage](#) to remind anyone entering the market that they must **screen** themselves for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the market. As usual, vendors with respiratory or enteric symptoms must not take part in market operations.
4. ☐ Clear **signage** to promote '*one to two people per family*' customer limits and clear signage to promote a **brief visit**. ([Example signage](#).)
5. ☐ Have means to **limit the number of customers** that can enter the market area.
6. ☐ Have a plan to **control line-ups** for customers waiting to get into the market or waiting in front of a vendor stall. Plans should include [physical distancing](#) in line.
7. ☐ Have **volunteers** or staff present to direct people through the market and to ensure that customers do not linger within.
8. ☐ Have options available for guests to **order ahead** and pick-up on-site only.
9. ☐ Have **hand sanitizer** or hand-washing supplies readily available for all vendors and customers on-site.
10. ☐ Have **no seating, play or social gathering areas** set-up.

11. ☐ Ask that vendors **pre-package** as much product as possible and minimize all displays.
12. ☐ Due to current emergency orders, **non-food vendors** at outdoor markets:
  - a) Should not exceed more than 20% of the total number of vendors.
  - b) Should have alternative pre-order and pre-payment options where possible.
  - c) Must be situated and operate in a fashion that does not impede the public's ability to physically distance (maintain 2 metres) from others.
  - d) Must not be offering live entertainment (such as music).
13. ☐ A trial run will commence now **to allow beverages and small food samples** to be distributed and consumed at outdoor markets. If it is noted that this is negatively impacting the safe operation of an outdoor market, it will be discontinued. Any vendor wishing to offer beverages or samples must first get approval from their Market's Manager.

The following requirements will apply:

- Staff providing samples or beverages must wear a mask.
- Additions to beverages (like cream and sugar) must be added by staff, not the customer.
- Have a designated staff member in charge of preparing and distributing beverages and samples.
- Minimize potential contamination by avoiding direct hand contact with any foods or portions of containers that may touch a person's mouth.
- A temporary hand wash station (with running water, liquid soap, paper towels and a waste water receptacle) must be present **in addition to** an effective hand sanitizer.
- If possible, pre-package samples.
- Ensure you have a plan to avoid impeding traffic flow through the market.

**NOTE:** Consuming anything other than small food samples or beverages onsite at an outdoor market is still prohibited.

**Coordinators Notes:**[illegible]

Please provide a map depicting your Farmers' Market layout, including:  
vendor location and customer traffic flow.

**Please attach any additional coordinator's notes or information to this document.**

Coordinators Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, please contact:

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