



## COVID-19 STATEMENT FOR DOWNTOWN YAKIMA FARMERS' MARKET 2021 OPERATIONS

In order to help slow the spread of COVID-19 cases in Washington State, the Downtown Yakima Farmers' Market (DYFM) administered by the Downtown Association of Yakima (DAY) will work closely with the City of Yakima and Yakima Health District (YHD) to take necessary steps to protect public health. In this rapidly changing situation, it is important for DYFM 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, vendors can play an important role in protecting Market staff, volunteers, fellow vendors, and shoppers from COVID-19 by following these recommended personal environmental hygiene practices.

To comply with [DOH COVID-19 guidance for Farmers Markets](#) for the 2021 season, DYFM will create a barrier with two entrance/exit locations (South & North sides) to make sure we stay within attendance capacity. DYFM will also be following the WA statewide face mask mandate.

DYFM will continue to have in place specific protocols for 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 DYFM season may include, but are not limited to:

1. Masks will be required for all DYFM staff, volunteers, & vendors until Gov. Inslee announces statewide reopening (estimated to be around June 30<sup>th</sup>).
2. Shoppers who have not yet been vaccinated should wear a face mask/shield while inside the market.
3. Social distancing recommendations/markings will be applied to any lines that form inside or outside of Market.
4. No product sampling at this time.
  - Note: We are unable to accommodate the DOH guideline for an enclosed sampling area. We will be waiting to see if DOH will drop this once the state reopens. If they do, sampling will be able to resume.
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 and/or hand sanitizer inside each vendor booth at all times.
6. DYFM 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 DYFM exhibiting symptoms they will not be allowed to sell at DYFM that day.
7. Vendors will prominently display any signage provided to them by DYFM as required.

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

If you are in high-risk category for COVID-19 – 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 Yakima County (in non-healthcare settings) to notify YHD "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.