



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 YHD COVID-19 regulations in 2020, DYFM had created a barrier with one entrance and exit requiring all who enter to wear a mask and/or face shield. It is anticipated that DYFM will continue to operate the same in 2021, with the ability to enter or exit from either end this year. 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 and shoppers in accordance with orders from the Washington State Secretary of Health.
2. DYFM 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 at their booths. If you are a vendor with high-volume traffic, you will be required to utilize spacing tools for lines. If you are unable to meet these requirements, you may lose your selling privileges at DYFM.
3. No self-service of foods; only vendors may handle food products and bags for shoppers.
4. No product sampling and demonstrations stations, except for single portions offered in response to a customer's request from the service counter.
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.