



## COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS VENDOR PROTOCOLS



According to Gov. Inslee, Farmers' Market are considered an essential business during the COVID-19.

We at Downtown Association of Yakima (DAY) believe that the Downtown Yakima Farmers' Market (DYFM) is an essential food resource to our community as described in Gov. Inslee's Order 20-13. Our first priority is the safety of our vendors, shoppers, volunteers and staff. We have to retain shopper confidence that of the many public spaces they will visit, DAY is attentive to best sanitary practices. The majority of the items below are things that you should, already, be doing.

To help reassure DYFM customers that the market is a safe place to shop, effective immediately, we are enforcing the below processes:

### Farmers Market Operations:

**Dates of operation:** May 24th - October 11th

**Location:** 22 N 3rd Street; between Yakima Ave. and Chestnut Ave.

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

There are a number of things that you can do to protect yourselves, along with our volunteers and staff, while maintaining a healthy environment at DYFM:

- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, please let us know immediately.
  - Symptoms may include:
    - A fever (100.4°F or higher)
    - Cough
    - Shortness of breath
    - A sore throat
    - Muscle aches
  - Individuals with any of the above symptoms should:
    - Self-isolate
    - Visit the Dept. of Health website for information about what to do next:
      - [Testing for COVID-19](#)
      - [What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19](#)
      - [What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19 and have not been around anyone diagnosed with COVID-19](#)
    - Contact their health provider by phone if they need medical assistance.
- Anyone with symptoms should isolate until:
  - They have been free from fever for at least 3 days (72 hours), without having used fever-reducing medications; AND
  - They no longer have respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND,
  - At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appear.

### **Vendor safety plans in place:**

- Effective immediately, all product sampling has been discontinued until further notice.
- Effective 6/26/20, sales cannot take place unless the shopper is wearing a face mask over their mouth and nose.

- Order of the Secretary of Health 20-03 Face Coverings – Statewide: Statewide mandatory face covering order ([click here](#)). Washingtonian must wear a facial covering when in a public space.
- Vendors with produce, fruit and hot foods are **REQUIRED** to wear clean gloves, until further notice. After handing money, any soiling, or after touching your nose, eyes or mouth, you must put on new gloves. The point of wearing gloves is to keep the food sanitary, not your hands.
- All vendors are **REQUIRED to wear a cloth face masks covering mouth AND nose.**
  - Washington DOH and CDC recommend that people wear cloth face coverings when they are in public settings where they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
  - To view DOH guidance on [cloth face masks](#).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or into the crease of their elbow. Wash hands right away if a tissue has been used.
- **Farmers and food concession vendors are REQUIRED to bring temporary handwashing stations.** All other vendors (including prepacked items) are required to have either a temporary handwashing station or sanitizer (EPA approved; more information below). Temporary hand wash station includes a hands-free spigot, anti-bacterial soap, a catch basin for water and paper towels. ***You must take wash-water with you and dispose of it at your facility appropriately. If found dumping discard soap water at market site, you will be fined \$100.***
  - All DYFM staff and vendors should wash their hands periodically throughout the day, especially before and after eating. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds and be thorough – soaping up the palms of your hands, the backs of your hands, your wrists, and between your fingers. Extra handwashing stations have been placed throughout the market, in addition to the sinks in the restroom (for vendor, volunteer and staff use only). DAY staff will regularly wipe down the door handles, bathroom surfaces, and other high-traffic areas.
  - Example of hand washing station can be found [here](#).
- If at all possible, recommend prepared foods be pre-packaged before bringing to market.
- To allow for an easily sanitized surface, we will not allow vendors to use cloth table covers until further notice.
- If you have hand sanitizer, please bring a bottle to place at your table for your customer use.
  - A list of EPA approved disinfectants for COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

#### **Modifications:**

- Limit the quantity of items put out on tables to avoid customers from touching; create a “display only.” Please **do not allow customers to touch/pick-up items**. Set up your booth to allow for you to pick up and back items for customers.
- Highly recommend pre-bagging/pre-packaging/pre-weighing food when possible.
- If customer has reusable bag, place items in an area where they can grab them without touching other items.

#### **Guidelines and best practices for safe handling of food and tokens/money:**

- Recommend at least 2 employees per booth to keep food handling and cash/token handing performed by a different employee.



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- We require vendors to wear gloves.
- If you use any type of device to process credit cards, please bring cleaning supplies to regularly disinfect the device and card reader.
- If you have the capacity to process cards with Apple Pay or Android Pay, we encourage you to do so.

### **Vendor Pre-Orders**

As mentioned earlier, DYFM remains open to the public between 9am and 1pm. But we understand some individuals may not feel comfortable attending and want to make sure their trip to the market is the quickest possible.

If you are capable of taking pre-order, the DYFM website will have a page set up that will lead people to your webpage, best contact info, order by times, and/or anything else you need to direct people to pre-order from you prior to Sunday market (<https://downtownyakimafarmersmarket.com/how-to-pre-order-from-vendors/>). We are aware this resource will continue to develop as more vendors create and adopt new systems and payment options.

As of right now, directions on web page to include:

- Orders and payments will need to take place before Friday's at 4 p.m. with the vendors (some vendors may have earlier deadlines in place and stated on webpage).
- SNAP/EBT customers may pick up their tokens at the Info Booth during market to help pay for their pre-order.
- All other payments must be coordinated with the vendor. If a customer would like to purchase credit/debit tokens, they may visit the information booth.

Communication is key to make this work, so please email [farmersmarket@downtownyakima.com](mailto:farmersmarket@downtownyakima.com) with any changes that are needed.

For more information on Washington DOH [Guidelines for Farmers' Market Providing Essential Services](#).

DAY will continually be monitoring the COVID-19 situation. DYFM will not close unless we are advised by the Yakima County Health Dept. that we must do so. If we are ordered to close, we may not have much advance warning. Please continue to regularly check your email. Please feel free to email us at [farmersmarket@downtownyakima.com](mailto:farmersmarket@downtownyakima.com) if you have any questions or concerns. These protocols will be updated with information as this situation changes/develop.

You can view information and updates provided to the public at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/2323/COVID-19>.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding!  
DAY Executive Director and DYFM Manager