

## Covid-19 17<sup>th</sup> March plan

For now, the Farmers Markets is being allowed to **continue** from the CDC and Vancouver Coastal Health. The market will carry on as a 'Food First Market' for the month of April. Anything outside of the food sector will be asked to not attend the first month (refunds will be given for these vendors). There will also be no penalties for vendors who wish to withdraw from dates due to COVID-19.

### SFMA reasons for this action:

- food is the under lying reason the farmers market exists and it's a necessity for people to have access too,
- the grocery stores are struggling with demand from the community and we can still support local vendors,
- jewelry etc are more likely to be touched over and over again, therefor making it more high risk to have at the market,

### SFMA will be recommending to all vendors the following:

- suspend giving out food samples,
- stop taking cash,
- adding in extra packaging,
- asking for hand washing and surface cleaning to be every 15 minuets,
- encourage personal spacing distance of 6 feet minimum for vendors and shoppers,
- anyone showing any ill symptoms (vendor or customer) will be asked to leave,
- use the market as a collection point, if you can take orders online or via the phone do so,

### SFMA will be recommending to all customers the following:

- encourage personal spacing distance of 6 feet minimum for vendors and shoppers,
- anyone showing any ill symptoms (vendor or customer) will be asked to leave,
- to get the groceries that they need and then leave,
- to use the hand washing station that we will provide or the washrooms at SAC,
- not to bring reusable jars, bags, cups,

### SFMA will be providing the following:

- market will provide a handwash station for customers on top of the available washrooms
- no seating – encourage customers to shop and leave (like a grocery store)
- suspending all programming, music, what's at the market and community tables,
- no garbage will be provided we are asking customer to use the district provided garbage's, everyone will need to pack in and pack out,
- all vendors will be spaced out, (we are maxing ourselves at 35 so that we can leave an empty spot between each vendor)
- volunteers will be counting the capacity of the market and asking people to wait before entering if the number is too high, although we were told we don't have to stick to the 50 people mark, as we are an outdoor market, we are capping ourselves at 120 as we are providing lots of room for self-distancing.

SFMA will be ensure all food vendors are following the guidelines as always:

- all food is pre-wrapped or pre-packaged to preclude contamination
- food vendors have Foodsafe Level 1 or Market safe training
- vendors practice food personal hygiene, including wearing clean attire
- encouraging sneeze guards
- each food booth provides a handwash station in their booth (including produce vendors)
- foodhandlers wear disposable gloves
- change gloves between activities
- no direct contact with money
- no dogs/animals in the market
- homemade food vendors clearly display sign:  
"THIS FOOD HAS BEEN PRPEARED IN A KITCHEN THAT IN NOT INSPECTED BY A REGULATORY AUTHORITY"
- food products protected from sources of contamination at all times during storage and display
- all display cases, tables, etc., are in good condition, easily cleanable, and cleaned and sanitized every 15 minuets
- all food vendors have a written document from local health authority, confirming products have been reviewed and approved (exemption is vendors who sell whole, fresh, uncut fruits and vegetables)

SFMA will be providing date swaps, credits or refunds for the following:

- any vendor that we have asked not to attend dates,
- any vendor that does not wish to be at the market due to COVID-19, notice will have to be given 3 days before the market date.

This is all subject to change as new information is released.