

Ham Lake Farmers Market COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

The Ham Lake Farmers Market continues to monitor COVID-19 and implement guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health, the CDC, the Minnesota Farmers' Market Association, and utilizes best practices from other markets in Minnesota. Farmers markets are considered essential public institutions that serve the public with fresh, nutrient-dense foods. As such the Ham Lake Farmers Market will operate weekly July through September.

The Ham Lake Farmers Market is taking the following steps to keep our customers, vendors, and staff safe and healthy:

- All customers, staff and vendors must stay home if they feel sick with any COVID-19 symptoms or if a member of their family or production staff are not feeling well.
 - If a vendor or employee tests positive for COVID-19, he or she must inform the market staff.
 - Per current CDC guidelines, the infected vendor cannot return to until the following have occurred:
 - For vendors who experience symptoms and tested positive:
 - It has been a minimum of 72 hours since “recovery”, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms, and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - OR
 - The vendor has received a negative follow-up COVID-19 test (contingent on availability of tests).
 - For vendors who had no symptoms but tested positive.
 - It has been 10 days since their positive test, and they have had no subsequent symptoms.
 - While the Ham Lake Farmers Market may not be required to contact any agencies, it is recommended to contact the applicable state department of health for guidance on necessary steps based on the agency’s assessment of the situation. Market staff will reassure the vendor that every effort will be made to protect their identity.
- Shoppers will be asked to enter the market at the main entrance on the west end of the farmers market.
- Vendor booths will be spaced farther apart to avoid crowding.
- For now, the market will be a shopping destination, not a social gathering.
- Customers are invited to choose a designated shopper from their household and make a shopping list in advance. Please consider leaving children at home until restrictions ease.
- Live music and special programming will not be offered at this time.

- Vendors and customers are encouraged to wear masks.
 - **Mickman Brothers has requested that all vendors and customers wear masks when they enter the Garden Center to shop or use the restroom.**
- A public handwashing station will be available as well as hand sanitizer. Shoppers are encouraged to wash their hands upon entry and exit from the market (and as often as you like in between.)
- Shoppers should shop with their eyes and allow vendors to handle all product.
- Vendors will clean and disinfect their workplaces.
- Market staff will wipe down the handwashing station during the market.
- Customers are asked to wash the bags they bring to the market between each visit.
- With Governor Walz's Executive Order 20-74, farmers' markets can offer both food samples and onsite food consumption if required conditions are met.
 - If a vendors chooses to offer food sampling, the vendor must follow the law and conditions posted at <https://www.mfma.org/COVID-19/> regarding food sampling.
 - The Ham Lake Farmers Market will allow onsite food consumption. Customers consuming food at the market are asked to sit at the tables and benches located in the patio area between the Garden Center and Design Studio entrances. Tables are limited to no more than 4 people at a table, and tables must remain at least 6 feet apart.
 - All market vendors and staff in the eating area must wear a face covering.
 - Vendors who provide food for onsite consumption must follow all guidance under Governor Walz's Executive Order 20-74.
- The Ham Lake Farmers Market COVID-19 Plan will be communicated.
 - Staff and vendors have received these protocols in email and hard copy.
 - The protocols are published on Facebook and the market web page.
 - Signage is posted at the market.

This Preparedness Plan will be modified with new best practices and changes to the state market guidelines.

Thank you for your patience and patronage,

Ham Lake Farmers Market

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