

Outdoor Market COVID-19 Measures

As COVID-19 cases are on the rise in British Columbia and on Vancouver Island we wanted to remind everyone about the COVID-19 protocols we have in place to minimize risks:

1. **Do not attend the market if you or someone in your household or cohort group is sick**, is experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19 and has not been cleared by your health authority, have been in close contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 or have traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days.
2. **Vendors are required** under the Provincial Health Officer Orders issued on March 18, 2021 to either have a **physical barrier installed**, have protocols in place to **ensure 2m physical distancing** at their stalls or **wear a mask**.
3. **Customers are encouraged to wear masks** even though we are outside, as there may be instances particularly in and around vendors stalls where 2m physical distancing is not always feasible.
4. Customers, vendors and staff are encouraged to **wash or sanitize hands frequently** and following recommended guidelines. There are multiple sanitizing stations throughout the market, including one at the entrance and exit.
5. Customers are encouraged to **"Shop NOT Stop"**
6. **Pets** (other than service pets) are **not permitted**
7. **Consider pre ordering product** from your favorite vendor. This ensures that you will be able to get the product you want and will help speed up vendor/customer transactions. You can shop using our online store or find contact information for vendors not using the online store on our website under the Vendors Tab (cvfm.ca).
8. Customers should **maintain a 2m physical distance** while at the market, including waiting in line to enter the market area or to purchase their products.
9. Customers are encouraged to **ask vendors to help you with your items and to only touch items you are intending on purchasing**.
10. Customers are asked to **follow signage** throughout the market this includes a one way clockwise flow of traffic in the field, avoiding touching products you are not intending to buy, no congregating and taking ready to eat concession food and drinks outside of the market area or home to enjoy
11. **Respect direction given by staff** as they are doing their best to ensure a safe environment for patrons to shop

We know and understand that these protocols may not be ideal for some but we are taking a layered approach of protection to minimize risk so that we are able to remain open. Keeping our community safe is important to us. These measures are only temporary, there is light at the end of the tunnel and soon enough we will be back to the market that we know and love. Until then thank you for doing your part to keep us safe and for supporting local.