



Vancouver Farmers Markets COVID-19 Response Plan

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Farmers markets have been designated an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic by the Province of BC. As Vancouver Farmers Markets (VFM) make a gradual return to pre-COVID operations as part of the [Step 3 BC Restart Plan](#), we continue to work closely with our municipal and provincial partners to ensure that the transition prioritizes the health and safety of all staff, vendors, volunteers, and the general public. For this reason, the following safety measures are in place at the markets until further notice:

General safety

- We ask that anyone who is sick stay home.
- There will be no Market Money tokens available for purchase onsite until further notice. Shoppers can use their existing tokens for transactions when making purchases, along with cash, and debit/credit cards.
- Hand washing/sanitizing stations will be in place at the entrance of each market.

Vendor safety

- Vendors and their staff are asked to stay home if they are sick.
- Vendors are recommended to wear a mask where appropriate (i.e. when restocking items in their booth).

- Vendors must have a handwashing station or hand sanitizer at their stall for their own and staff use.
- Vendors must have sanitizer present (disinfectant wipes, bleach, alcohol, etc.) and wash and sanitize high touch surfaces regularly.

Staff & Volunteer safety

- VFM staff and volunteers are asked to stay home if they are sick.
- VFM staff and volunteers are recommended to wear a mask where appropriate.
- VFM staff and volunteers must clean their hands upon arrival and regularly throughout their shift.
- VFM Staff and Volunteers must frequently clean and disinfect high touch points on market equipment.