

Okanogan Valley Farmers Market
COVID-19 Market Safety Plan
Market and Vendor Protocols

The Okanogan Valley Farmers Market intends to prioritize the health and safety of its vendors and community members, while supporting Okanogan County handmade and home-grown products. The following proactive measures have been enacted to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 at the markets.

Okanogan Valley Farmers Market will inform the public of these protocols and any changes to the protocols will be shared via Facebook, the website, and signage at the market. Clear and concise communication between the market board, the manager, vendors, and the community are key to successful implementation of the following protocols.

Market Set-up & Safety

- Okanogan and Omak farmers market will be redesigned to increase social space. Vendors will occupy every other space and will be organized in a single row where possible.
- 6-foot social distancing space will be outlined using visual cues.
- Entertainment and kid's corner activities will be suspended until further notice.
- Market Manager will check before each market that vendors are not feeling sick with a fever, cough, or sneeze.
- Market Manager and vendors will sanitize commonly touched surfaces and objects throughout the day
- Okanogan Valley Farmers market will provide signage at the market about preventing the spread of COVID-19, proper handwashing procedures, and social distancing practices.
- Okanogan Valley Farmers Market will prominently display signage at the markets that communicate the board, manager, vendors, and community members steps to minimizing the risk of COVID-19.

Vendor Boot Set-up & Safety Protocol

- Vendors will take every opportunity to discourage handling of their products by others and will pick at least one of the below actions to implement in their booth. This can include:
 - Removing items on table that are out of reach of the vendors (to reduce customers from touching products)
 - Setting up tables with the register in front of the space and products behind the vendor.
 - Setting all products on tables rather than in crates and boxes
 - Putting less out and restocking more frequently. Putting signs out saying there is more in the back.
 - Creating a 3-foot barrier between vendor tables and customer lines.

- Vendors should create product lists so that customers know what they have (since they won't be able to see product spread as they normally would).
- Cloth face coverings are highly encouraged. If a vendor cannot maintain the 6-foot required spacing, a cloth face covering is required.
- Offer only take-out food. On-site consumption is not permitted.
- Market Manager will provide vendors with alcohol-based hand sanitizers at each booth.
- Market will no longer provide coinage and currency to vendors for use as change in their tills. Vendors must bring enough change for the day.

Photo Examples:

