



Everyone's Harvest

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To Everyone's Harvest Certified Farmers' Markets Community,

Everyone's Harvest is working closely with Monterey County Health Department and the cities of Marina and Pacific Grove to best serve the community. A healthy and safe farmers' market is our number one priority.

We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. Here's our plan of action:

- Everyone's Harvest's Farmers' Markets in PG and Marina will remain open in accordance with Monterey County Health Department's recommendation for "essential businesses" such as farmers' markets. All vendors will receive [Monterey County's Guidelines for Retail Food Establishments](#) and we will be closely monitoring vendor operations.
- **We ask that all vendors, farmers, and customers not attend the market if you are sick with fever, sneezing, or coughing.**
- **Best Practices:** Market Operations will be conducted in accordance with Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health's modified conditions for farmers' markets operating during shelter in place. This document will be made available at the market as well, and it recommends heightened measures such as extra space between stands, whenever possible, and disallowing sampling or prepared foods at the markets.
- **Helping with Prevention:** Hand sanitizer will be offered at the Information Booth, and Everyone's Harvest will monitor and, if necessary, restrict attendance so that the market attendees can maintain "social distancing" recommended by the California Department of Public Health. Market attendees are encouraged to keep 6 feet of personal space between themselves. Sanitizing solution will be used regularly at the Information Booth for any frequently touched items or equipment.
- Vendors will wear gloves whenever possible and wash their hands frequently (handwashing is available at all EH markets). Sampling of products is discontinued until further notice.
- We're following all updates given on COVID-19, including guidance from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Monterey County Health Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and local health officials. We'll continue to take actions necessary to help protect the community. Specifically, if we are notified of a staff member, vendor, or participant testing positive for COVID-19, they will be suspended from any of our certified farmers' markets until they are medically cleared.

What you can do

- **Practice good hygiene.** Wash your hands frequently. Cover your nose and mouth if you have to sneeze or cough. And use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content. Please stay home if you are sick.
- **Maintain social distancing as described by Monterey County Health Department:** maintaining six-feet from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
- **Supporting Farmers/ Vendors.** Our Farmers and Vendors, like many small businesses in the community, rely on your continued support to bring you necessary services like fresh food and produce. So if you are able to, please keep supporting us.
- **Stay informed.** The [CDC](#) and the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) are updating their sites with the latest information.

Message from Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado about the farmers' market:

"As Mayor of the City of Marina, I have spoken at length with the Marina City Manager and he and I agree the Marina Farmers Market provides some basic necessities such as fresh produce. Also we discussed that it does so in an outdoor setting which may provide an option to the public to shop in an outdoor space rather than the more confined space of an indoor grocery store. This choice is good to offer each member of our public.

The City Manager and I encourage and applaud you for any effort to adhere to COVID-19 precautions suggested by County Health or State officials.

Thank you for your efforts to protect our public during these extraordinary circumstances."
If you have any additional questions or for more guidance, please visit the Monterey County Health Department, CDC, and WHO websites. Small actions can make a big difference when everyone helps out.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me at 831-384-6961. Thank you for supporting the farmers' market.

Reid Norris, Executive Director