



# Hazelton FARMERS' MARKET

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Under the current State of Emergency in effect in BC, all Farmers' Markets must modify their operations to comply with BC Center of Disease Control Restrictions. Additional modifications may be added at any time.

At this time, the following modifications are in effect for the Hazelton Farmers' Market:

1. Vendors must apply to vend prior to their first market, listing all products for approval and provide all required permits (i.e. high risk foods, meat, alcohol etc.). Online Application Form at [hazeltonfarmers.ca](http://hazeltonfarmers.ca)
2. Vendors must give at least 24 hr notice to the Market Manager that they will be attending the market, email [manager@hazeltonfarmers.ca](mailto:manager@hazeltonfarmers.ca) (or verbal notice at previous market is good if attending regularly)
3. Vendors **must not** sell anything other than:
  - fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs
  - frozen pre-packaged meats and frozen ready-to-eat pre-packaged foods (e.g. pies, samosas, meals)
  - home-prepared low risk foods as identified in Appendix I of the TFM guidelines
  - higher risk foods prepared in an approved facility
  - pre-packaged non-alcoholic beverages
  - liquor only in sealed retail containers (e.g. bottles, cans). License Required.
  - take-away meals from food carts and food trucks
  - edible plants and seedlings
4. Vendors should pre-package all foods to avoid direct contact by customers, or
5. Foods that are not pre-packaged at the time of sale must be protected by a barrier (i.e. sneeze guard) or stored in closed bins away from customer contact. Vendors will package the product at time of sale.
6. Customers of the farmers' markets must not use their own bags or containers; vendors must package all food products (e.g. paper or plastic bags, etc)
7. Vendors must discontinue all food sampling activities
8. Market vendors selling ready-to-eat foods must package foods into take-away containers or brown bags and post signs advising customers to not eat foods in the markets in order to comply with physical distancing requirements.
9. **Arrive one hour** before market opening time for your first market, so we can ensure your stall complies with all modifications prior to the public arriving.
10. Stalls need to be arranged to avoid customers handling products. Examples: put an empty table in front of display table, use a 'sneeze guard'-type barrier, post signage.



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11. The market manager will assist you to ensure your stall meets the required physical distancing requirements, and products are adequately protected from customer handling. The manager will install a rope barrier along the front of your stall if needed.
12. Products need to be presented in a way that minimizes browsing and expedites sales. For example, offer a 'farmers' choice' mixed bag rather than individual items.
13. Pre-orders with pre-payment and online orders are highly encouraged to speed things up at the market.
14. Vendors must not handle cash (even with gloves). The market will run as **exact change only** which the customer inserts into a receptacle, the vendor must provide a suitable closed receptacle (e.g. small box, can etc) Vendors can print and offer 'stall credits' in lieu of offering change. Cheques are also permissible, deposited in the receptacle.
15. Alternative payment methods such as pre-orders, e-transfers, and 'contactless payment' such as Square are highly encouraged over cash.
16. Vendors must not handle a customer's reusable bag, basket or other personal items. The customer must pack their bag themselves. Vendors may provide a packing table if they choose, that must be sanitized after each use.
17. Vendors must immediately wash their hands if they accidentally handle cash, cards or any personal items from a customer (the market will provide a hand washing station\_.
18. Vendors must have an effective sanitizing agent at their stall and wipe all touch surfaces regularly.
19. Vendors will discourage socializing at their stall and will try to move customers along in a friendly efficient manner
20. Vendors must not visit other stalls unless as customers.
21. Vendors, if they are ill, must not attend and customers who are/appear ill will be asked to not enter the farmers' market.
22. Stall fees must be paid by e-transfer to [market@hazeltonfarmers.ca](mailto:market@hazeltonfarmers.ca) or personal cheque payable to 'HFMS', the Market Manager will not be handling cash. We encourage pre-payment of multiple markets at once if possible.
23. These modifications are subject to change at any time

Thank-you for your understanding during these exceptional circumstances and for working together to keep the market operating while ensuring everyone remains safe.

Resources:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/community-settings/farmers-markets>

<https://bcfarmersmarket.org/bcafm-covid19/>