



## Manistique Farmers' Market COVID-19 Farmer Requirements 2020

Until further notice, the following COVID-19 farmer requirements will be in effect at the Manistique Farmers' Market. These guidelines were drafted according to Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders 2020-60 and 2020-96 and recommendations from the Michigan Farmers' Market Association. Please contact us at [manistiquefarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:manistiquefarmersmarket@gmail.com), or message us on Facebook @MSTQFarmersMkt with any questions or concerns. Customer and farmer safety is our top priority and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

1. Under Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders, only the sale of essential items are permitted at Farmers' markets. This means that only the sale of produce, eggs, syrup, honey, cottage foods, pet supplies, meats (must be packaged and stamped at a USDA processing plant), local fish, and vegetable plants are currently allowed to be sold at the Manistique Farmers' Market. We are closely following communications from the Governor's office and will notify customers and vendors if there are any changes to the Executive Orders prior to **June 17, 2020** that would affect our vendors or customers. We will not be accepting any new vendors at this time.
2. The Manistique Farmers' Market will be open from 4:00pm-6pm every Wednesday, however, **the half hour from 4pm-4:30pm will be strictly reserved for those who are immunocompromised, pregnant women, and persons age 60+**. Please note that vendors may leave early if they sell out of product prior to 6:00pm. You will be required to take down your canopy, sanitize your table and store these in the Market shed unless you make arrangements with the Market Manager.
3. Market vendors will be spread out to improve physical distancing. Part of the Market will be on the unpaved part of the parking area at Little Bear West Arena. The Market will be wider and deeper.
4. There will be no public access to restrooms. Farmers will have access.
5. Farmers may bring one person from their household to assist them at the Market, but they must be over the age of 16 and understand the rules about physical distancing and sanitizing hands and other surfaces.
6. Market volunteers will be controlling the number of shoppers coming in and out so we can ensure that everyone can maintain adequate physical distancing.
7. If you have been ill within the last 14 days, caring for someone that has been ill within the last 14 days or sharing a residence with someone that has been ill within the last 14 days, please check with the Market Manager to determine when you may safely return to the Market.
8. Farmers are highly advised to wear cloth face coverings while at the Manistique Farmers' Market if you are medically able to do so. Masks should cover your nose, mouth and chin and fit snug to the face.
9. Please be mindful to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between you, other farmers, and customers at all times. There will be an empty table at the front of your canopy to create distance. You will place your products on a table behind that one. Have customers point or verbally request what they wish to purchase.
10. You must sanitize your hands after handling money and/or Project FRESH coupons. We are currently discouraging the use of gloves. Table services the public can access must be sanitized between customers.

11. If you produce cottage foods, you must abide by all Michigan Cottage Food Laws. This includes having all cottage foods securely packaged to protect the contents from exposure to air, bugs, etc. No cottage foods should be left uncovered. No samples will be allowed while we operate under the Executive Orders of the Governor of Michigan.
12. Please leave your dogs at home (service dogs allowed).
13. WIC Project Fresh, Senior Project Fresh will be accepted as payment for produce, in addition to cash. You will need to sign a new agreement with the Market Manager in order to accept these coupons from customers. Project FRESH only covers fresh, locally grown, unprocessed produce.
14. For the current COVID-19 situation, we are only allowing produce that you grow/harvest yourself.
15. All of these requirements are based on the Governor's Executive Orders, Public Health Guidelines and the Michigan Farmers' Market Association.
16. If restrictions ease over the summer, we will make amendments to this document.

***We do understand that this is not the Manistique Farmers' Market we have all come to enjoy, but these are truly unusual times. Our primary goal is to keep the public and all of you safe and healthy, while still giving you the opportunity to sell your farm products and give the public access to fresh locally grown and produced foods.***

***Kerry Ott, Market Master  
Manistique Farmers' Market  
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