



May 31, 2020

Dear Manistique Farmers' Market Vendors:

Apologies for the delay in getting this information to you. Included in this mailing you will find the guidelines for vendors and for customers.

Some Farmers' Markets have decided not to open this season. Some are doing online Markets. Some are opening and not taking necessary precautions for the health and safety of vendors and customers and Market volunteers. We are grateful that the City of Manistique has approved our opening on June 17, 2020

because of the careful precautions and rules we are putting into place. The City has canceled many events for this year, but they have decided that the Market is necessary and one that we can control for the health and safety of everyone.

Here is a list of things you need to consider:

1. The guidelines for customers and farmers will be enforced. Please read both documents carefully.
2. If you disagree with the procedures put in place, you have the choice to not participate in the Market.
3. We are expecting a donation of hand sanitizer and hope to have bottles for each of you to have at your tables, but it will help us if you do have some to bring with you, as we don't have the firm date when we can pick up the 2 gallons at the distillery in Mackinac County.
4. We have 10 cloth face coverings if you need one (once we give you one, it is yours to keep). Please wash them between uses.
5. If you have a true medical reason as to why you cannot wear a cloth face covering, please contact us.
6. We have two goals for this year's Market: the first is to make sure that people have access to locally grown and produced foods; the second is to help you sell your farm products.
7. It is unlikely there will be crowds like we normally see. Please bring reasonable amounts of product with you, but not overly abundant. Let's see how the first couple weeks go and if you find you are selling out, bring more.
8. Distance between you, customers, and each other is paramount. You can barter with each other as you often do, but you must do so in the same manner all transactions must occur at the Market.
9. The Market fee will remain \$5/week.
10. You will have no more than one additional person at your booth, and no one under the age of 16. If anyone is assisting you, they must wear a cloth face covering and practice proper hand hygiene (especially after each transaction where money has been exchanged).
11. You must inform us by 5pm every Monday if you will be at the Market that Wednesday and what produce you will have available. This year, if you will supply us with prices we will include those in the Facebook shopping list so that people can be prepared with correct change as much as possible. Preferred way to notify us is through messenger on the Market FB page (Facebook.com/MSTQfarmersMkt), if that is not an option, you may call 906-450-4240 (please make sure to clearly give Allan your name and give him time to write down your list for that week).
12. If you show up for a Market without notifying us, there will not be a space for you. Because of the extra distance needed between canopies, we will not be able to squeeze in any vendor that didn't bother to let us know they were coming.
13. All of the same rules and procedures will be in place whether we are outside or inside Little Bear West Arena.

Kerry L. Ott, Manistique Farmers' Market, May 31, 2020