

Salt Spring Island Market in the Park COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan 2021

We intend to re-open the Salt Spring Island Market in the Park to supply demand for fresh locally grown and produced products as well provide local artisans an opportunity to vend. The market will be overseen by a Market Coordinator who will monitor all aspects of market health and safety.

Our market will follow the provincial health guidelines for vendors, concerning food prep and selling of high risk and low risk foods.

Vendors will require all health certifications before they will be allowed to participate. As well all vendors will need to provide their own COVID-19 safety plan that will be reviewed by the Market Coordinator.

All vendors will have to follow the provincial guidelines for Covid-19 or they won't be allowed back to the market. The Market Coordinator will be very strict to ensure the safety of our community and keep our market healthy.

All vendors must perform a Health Check prior to setting up their booth.

Risk Assessment

1. We have identified the areas where people gather.
 - This is an outdoor location in the park
2. We have identified situations and process where individuals are close to one another
 - Customers (the public) will gather near vendor stands
 - Customers (the public) will walk through the concourse looking at vendor displays
3. We have identified the equipment that may be shared by individuals
 - Payment machines at individual stalls may be shared between customers
4. We have identified surfaces that people touch often
 - Typically people might touch vendor displays

Protocols to Reduce the Risks

1. Limit the number of people and ensure physical distance whenever possible:
 - CRD staff, contract employees and volunteers will be placed at the entrance and patrol inside the park to educate visitors about posted signage, traffic markings and public health guidelines and recommendations.
 - Market will flow in one direction with one entrance and one exit.
 - We will limit the amount of customers to the market at one entrance and will keep a continual count of the amount of people entering the market.
 - We will have signage (chalk, tape, signs) to direct foot traffic through the market.
 - Vendor stalls will be placed beside each other to block off entry points to the market. We will have markings on the ground so people waiting to get products can self-distance two meters.
 - Only one group will be permitted at each vendor booth at a time.
 - We will not provide a rest area in the market. It will be strictly a 'shop and go' marketplace.
 - We will post signs to encourage people to maintain social distance throughout the market. (attached)

2. Reduce the risk of surface transmission through effective cleaning and hygiene practices:
 - We will have signage to encourage people to wash their hands at the two wash stations.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided by vendors for their use and for customers.
 - Vendors will ensure that they hand wash/use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day.
 - Where feasible the vendors will have cashless payment and accept debit and credit, or online prepaid orders.
 - Vendors will regularly disinfect their stall surfaces.
 - Cash payment machines will be disinfected after every use.
 - Vendors will provide a barrier for prepared foods (bakery items) that are not pre-packaged, so customers can't touch products.
 - Vendors will package product at time of purchase.
 - There will be no food or product sampling or demonstrations.
 - Customers will not be allowed to try on clothes.
 - Vendors will restrict customers from touching product.

3. Fourth level protection through masks:
 - Customers and vendors must wear a mask as per updated provincial health directive.

4. Policies

- COVID Risk:
 - i. Anyone or anyone in a household who has had symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
 - ii. Anyone or anyone in a household directed by Public Health to self-isolate
 - iii. Anyone or anyone in a household who has arrived from outside Canada within the last 14 days
 - iv. Anyone or anyone in a household who has had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case
- Signage at entrances prohibiting those who are a COVID risk from entering
- Vendors who are a COVID risk prohibited from vending