



APPENDIX A
to Missoula City-County Health Officer Order
May 8, 2020

FARMERS' MARKETS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Farmers' Markets, selling only unprocessed agricultural products, may begin operating May 23, 2020, if the following requirements are met:

NOTE: These requirements are in addition to, and do not take the place of the minimum sanitation standards required by Montana state law and regulations relating to Farmers' Markets.

- Before the first event, organizers must complete a Farmers' Market Operation Plan that shows how they will meet the minimum requirements and submit it to the Missoula City-County Health Department for approval. The plan must be submitted at least 8 working days before the first event to envhealth@missoulacounty.us or 301 West Alder, Missoula, MT 59802. The Department will provide responses to completed plans within one week of receiving the plan. Responses may include event-specific requirements or requests for more information. A market shall not operate without written approval of their Operating Plan from the Missoula City-County Health Department.
- The market is limited to the sale of unprocessed agricultural products and may not include entertainment or activities.
- The market must put adequate provisions in place to ensure vendors and customers can maintain 6-foot physical distancing. At a minimum, that must include the following:
 - Organizers must pre-determine the number of people who can safely attend the event so that physical distancing can be maintained. In no circumstance can the predetermined number exceed 250 people, including vendors, staff, volunteers and customers. Organizers must ensure that the predetermined number of people is not exceeded at any time during the event.
 - Market ingress, including waiting lines, and egress must be controlled to limit the number of people entering the market, and to control the flow of foot traffic through the market.
 - The market must establish one-way foot traffic through the market.
 - Vendor tables or booths must be set far enough apart so that customers waiting in line or passing to another booth can maintain 6-foot distances from other customers.



- There must be adequate signage or other means of communicating what is expected of customers once they enter the market.
- The market must put adequate provisions in place to ensure personal hygiene, sanitation and personal protection. At a minimum, that must include the following:
 - Vendors, staff and volunteers must be screened for COVID symptoms before each market, and may not remain at the market if they exhibit any COVID symptoms.
 - Each vendor must have a temporary hand wash station or sanitizer to use throughout the event.
 - Face coverings are strongly recommended for vendors, staff and volunteers, and recommended for customers.
- The market must put adequate provisions in place to ensure enhanced cleaning and sanitizing. At a minimum, that must include frequent cleaning and sanitization of any frequently touched surfaces, including public restrooms used by vendors, staff, volunteers and customers.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Montana Farmers Market Response and Best Practices: <https://www.missoulacfac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Montana-Farmers-Market-COVID-Guidelines.pdf>