



An Update on COVID-19 and Texas Farmers Markets

During the restrictions placed on many municipalities due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, farmers markets are considered to be “essential businesses” that are allowed to remain open at this time. Many of our farmers markets have made changes to their methods of operations to comply with regulations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control.

Below is a list of changes that we are aware of at Texas Department of Agriculture. We encourage you to support our local farmers as you seek to provide fresh options for your family at this time.

Texas Farmers Markets Lakeline & Mueller, Austin – Weekend markets will remain open at this time. Handwashing/Sterilizing stations will be posted throughout the market area and customers will be asked to utilize these stations before entering the market area. Vendor layouts will be posted online on Fridays to assist customers in planning their market visit. Extra space will be placed between vendors to encourage social distancing. Vendors who will accept prepaid orders online or by phone will be posted on social media or the market website at <http://texasfarmersmarket.org/texas-farmers-markets-covid-19/>

Forever Fulshear, Fulshear – Call in or Online ordering for pick up from market vendors. See listing at <http://fulshearfarmersmarket.com/order-online/>

Galveston’s Own Farmers Market, Galveston – Normal market hours are suspended. Online ordering is available for select vendors with more being added as soon as possible. See their website for more info: <https://galvestonsownfarmersmarket.com/covid19>

Pearl Brewery Farmers Market, San Antonio – Weekend markets cancelled until further notice. Order online for curbside pickup at <http://pearlfarmersmarketcurbside.com/>

Downtown Wichita Falls Farmers Market, Wichita Falls – Downtown market closed for now. Morath Orchards will open their farmstand in Charlie, TX, Fridays from 10-2. Kings Good Vineyard and Berry Farm will be open on Saturdays from 10-2. Re:Farm will be doing home deliveries, you may order online at www.refarm.market.

Dallas Farmers Market, Dallas - Farmers market this weekend with only farmers, ranchers, and pantry staple vendors. We will offer a curbside pick option for pre-orders which vendors can bring directly to customer vehicles. See the website for more information www.dallasfarmersmarket.org.

Braeswood Farmers Market, Houston – Extending operations to Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Online ordering or delivery options coming soon. Check the Braeswood Farmers Market facebook page for more information.

Good Local Markets, Dallas - Market hours have been amended to 9 am – 12 pm to minimize time at the market. Handwashing stations will be available at all entrances to the markets. No sampling will be allowed and the Community Booth will not be offered at this time. Market aisle widths will be increased to allow for social distancing and booth spaces will be a minimum of 10 feet apart. Market vendors will be decreased to allow only essential food item vendors such as produce, meat, eggs, honey, bread and soap.

Victoria Farmers Market, Victoria - Handwashing stations will be available. Imagination Playground kids area has been removed until further notice. No sampling will be allowed. Space will be increased between vendors to allow for social distancing. Encouraging vendors to utilize Venmo to create “cash-less” transactions. For more information about changes, check out <https://www.tfbgc.org/covid19>.

Sustainable Food Center Farmers Markets, Austin – Both downtown and Sunset Valley market locations will be open Saturdays, 9am – 1pm. Double up Food Bucks are still available at both markets! No sampling or dining on-site will be allowed. During this time, all activities, events, self-serve and café areas have been suspended. See our website at <https://sustainablefoodcenter.org/latest/blog/sfc-farmers-markets-and-covid-19> for more information on changes at our markets.

You-Pick Farms:

Sweet Berry Farms, Marble Falls – Strawberry and Tulip Picking are available! All other children’s activities have been suspended at this time. Be sure to check out the Fresh News page at <https://sweetberryfarm.com/index.html> for the most up to date information.

Sweet Eats Fruit Farm, Georgetown – Updated hours, Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm. All birthday parties and large group activities are cancelled. Creating social distancing space by dispersing picnic tables. Check the webpage <https://www.sweeteats.com/> or Facebook page for daily updates.

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