



Market Newsletter

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The Invermere Farmers and Artists Market is getting ready for the 2020 season. COVID 19 has forced us to make some major changes in our market and how we operate. The market was to start as a Food Only market with the hope that other vendors may join in when the Provincial Health Authorities amend the present restrictions.

On May 28th, 2020 the Ministry of Health allowed nonfood vendors in farmers' markets. Another realignment!

Farmers' markets are exempt from the mass gathering directive, however we are limiting the number of visitors to the market to help ensure physical distancing. The market will have one entry point and one exit point, located on the western side so we can count people as they come and go. The market has been moved to the east to allow unrestricted access to the public washrooms and to increase parking on the BMO side. Stalls have a 1.5 metre buffer between them. No dogs or other pets are allowed in the market area and the Market Guys will walk through the market area encouraging people not to stop and chat, allowing others to enter.

Customers will not be allowed to touch produce as they usually would when trying to find the perfect tomatoes or check the ingredients in a product. Instead, they will have to indicate to the vendor which item they would like so they can get it for them, minimizing the number of people coming into contact with products. We encourage contactless payment to avoid handling of cash, however cash is accepted by most vendors.

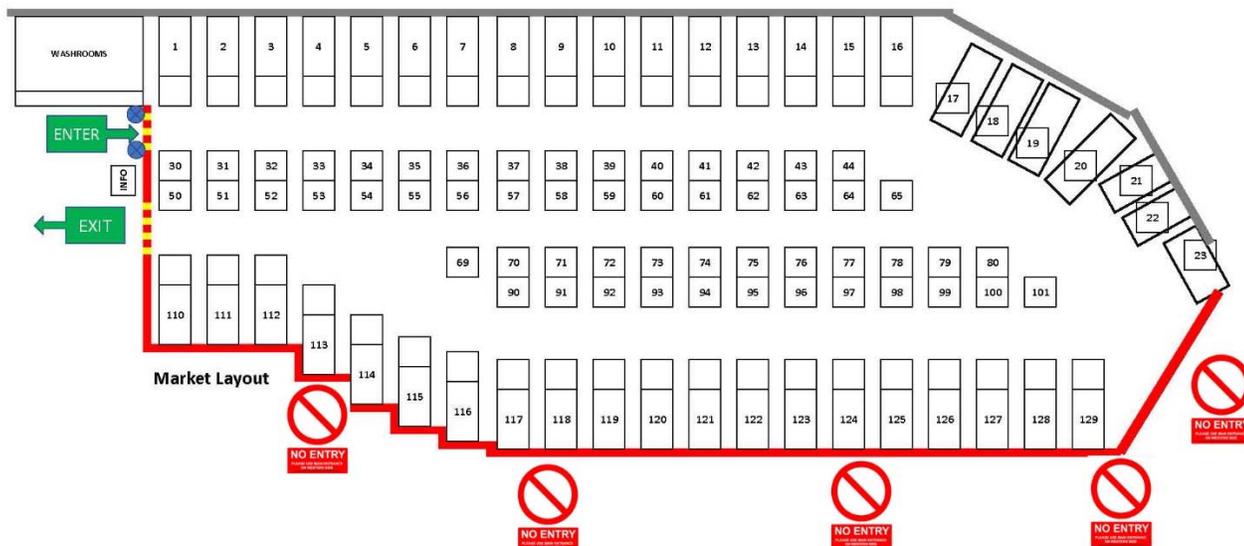
Vendors must discontinue all sampling activities, including by the glass sales of wine or other alcohols. We must cancel activities that promote gatherings, such as demonstrations, live musicians etc. Market vendors selling ready-to-eat foods must package foods into take-away containers or brown bags and post signs advising customers to not eat foods in the markets in order to comply with physical distancing requirements.

Breakfast sandwiches

The Legion will be offering breakfast sandwiches again this year. They cost \$5 and any substitutions are \$1 extra. Mary Lou will be bringing them around starting around 8:30.

We must insist that payment be by **EXACT CHANGE ONLY**.

This is the 2020 market layout



Subject to changes!



The Invermere Farmers and Artists Market is a partnership between the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 Windermere District and the District of Invermere.

