

2021 Horton Farmers' Market Operating Plan

Key Points

- The requirements will vary depending on our region's current level within the COVID-19 response framework (Green-Prevent, Yellow-Protect, Orange-Restrict, Red-Control or Grey-Lockdown). We will closely monitor the Southwestern Public Health website for updates and adjust our plans accordingly.
- Staff and vendors will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 before each shift and will be reminded to stay home and get tested if they are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. All staff and Vendors will be required to complete the online screening tool found here [COVID-19 worker and employee screening \(ontario.ca\)](#). Results must be sent to the Market Manager prior to arriving at the Market.
- All staff, volunteers and Vendors must wear a face covering when at the Market.
- Physical distancing of two metres must be maintained at all times. This will be encouraged through limiting capacity, one-way traffic flow/directional arrows, and signage.
- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- At all times, the Market Manager, employees and volunteers will be monitoring the market to ensure the proper use of face coverings and that safe physical distancing measures are being followed.

Vendors/Volunteers/Employees

Screening of vendors/volunteers/employees is mandatory. All vendors/volunteers/employees MUST complete the online screening tool found here [COVID-19 worker and employee screening \(ontario.ca\)](#) PRIOR to arriving at the Market. The screening must be completed each market day and passing results emailed to the Market Manager at vasher@stthomas.ca. Any vendor/employee/volunteer that answers "yes" to any of the screening questions will be required to stay home and is advised to contact their local health unit for direction.

If a vendor/volunteer/employee becomes ill with Covid19 symptoms while at the Market, they must go home immediately and self-isolate and should contact their health care provider or an assessment centre to get tested.

All vendors/volunteers/employees are required to work in a manner that facilitates physical distancing as best as possible.

All vendors/volunteers/employees will be encouraged to handwash frequently.

Face Coverings

Face coverings will be required to be worn by all vendors, employees, volunteers and visitors to the Market. Face coverings may only be removed while eating and drinking at the designated eating areas.

Vendors/volunteers/employees must use protective equipment covering the eyes, mouth and nose if they must come within 2 metres of another person who is not wearing a face covering (ie because they

claim an exemption). At a minimum, this would include a medical mask and eye protection (face shield or goggles). If a plexiglass or impermeable barrier separates the worker from the person not wearing a face covering, additional PPE is not mandatory (but a face covering is still required).

Face coverings will be available for individuals in need.

Signage will be posted at all entrances reminding customers of face covering requirements.

Signage

Signs reminding customers who are sick to delay visiting will be posted at key entrances of the market.

Signs indicating the mandatory use of face coverings will be posted at key entrances to the market.

Signage will be posted throughout the market areas to remind individuals of safety precautions and physical distancing measures.

Direction arrows and barriers will be in place to help direct the flow of traffic.

Physical Distancing and Capacity Requirements

The number of people inside the main building of the market will be determined by the colour level we are in. (ie orange – 75% capacity limit). The number of people in the building will be monitored by volunteers and employees. The flow of traffic will be one way direction through the building – people will enter via the west door and exit through the east door. Markers on the floor will be used as reminders to individuals to physical distance.

Safe physical distancing will be maintained in the outdoor pavilions by using ground markers and monitoring the one way flow of traffic through the area. (see attached plan).

Indoor Vendors will be encouraged to install plexiglass or other physical barriers where physical distancing cannot be maintained (i.e. checkouts and pick up points)

Visual markers spaced 2 metres apart will be used on the floor for customers lining up.

Outdoor Seating Areas

The seating areas will be spaced to allow for 2 metre physical distancing measures.

Who and how many people allowed at each table will be determined by the colour level our region is in.

A volunteer or employee will be assigned to monitor the seating area to ensure compliance with the current regulations in regards to who is seated a table and to collect patron contact information.

The Market Manager will ensure tables and chairs are cleaned often.

Cleaning and Disinfection

Hand sanitizer will be available at several locations throughout the market, including at each entrance and in washrooms.

The Market Manager will be responsible for ensuring high touch surfaces in the common areas (washrooms, entrances, etc) are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis and washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected as necessary.

Market Vendor Requirements

Vendors are encouraged to use tap features at checkout.

There will be no food sampling allowed.

All Vendors must clean and sanitize high touch areas within their spaces on a frequent basis.

All Vendors are encouraged to have hand sanitizer available for their customers.

Reusable bags and containers must not be handled by Vendors.