



## **Falls Church Farmers Market To Go Operating Guidelines**

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The Governor and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has determined that farmers markets can remain open and operate as Take-Out and Delivery services to the citizens of Virginia. In fact, VDACS has gone on record encouraging markets to stay open to provide a valuable source of food and produce. To comply and keep the market open on a limited basis the following guideline and rules will be adhered to:

1. The Farmers Market To Go will be open as a take-out market on Saturdays from 8am to 12pm.
2. Customers are to pre-order directly from the producers. A list of contact information for vendors will be maintained on the City's Farmers Market website, [www.fallschurchva.gov/FM](http://www.fallschurchva.gov/FM).
3. Browsing and congregating will not be permitted.
4. A minimum social distancing and physical separation of 6 feet will be enforced.
5. Only one person per family will be allowed into the market.
6. There will be a minimum of two controlled and staffed entrances to the market. One entrance will be on Park Avenue and the other will be off of Little Falls Street. A third entrance may be located adjacent to the entrance near the Community Center.
7. Where needed, caution tape and barricades will be installed to prevent access to the market from any place other than the two or three staffed entrances.
8. Patrons can park in the Community Center lot, on the street, or in the adjacent private parking lots.
9. Each entrance will have hand sanitizing wipes or lotion.
10. There will be at approximately ten to fifteen feet between producer stands.
11. Producers are required to frequently wipe off their table-top.
12. Producers and staff must wear masks or face coverings.
13. Producers must wear gloves and change those gloves frequently.
14. Producers should have hand sanitizer available at their stand.
15. Producers cannot set up a display.
16. No sampling will be allowed.
17. Producers can only sell items that are prepackaged.
18. Customers are not permitted to touch any items for sale other than the prepackaged bag or box they are handed by the producer.
19. Staff will ask customers to confirm a placed order.
20. Pre-paying for orders is preferred but if that is not possible, payment can be made at the market with a credit card or check. Cash will only be accepted if a card is not available. No coins can be used to complete the transaction.
21. Producers are required to wipe off credit cards and card readers before and after each transaction.
22. Customers and producers who do not feel well should stay home (as posted at the market entrance.)
23. General information signs will be posted at entrance points.