

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Hello ,

Happy Easter Long Weekend!

Like most people, we'll miss having guests over for dinner this long weekend. Instead, we'll be joined virtually by family and friends on a Zoom video call. "The next best thing to being there" as the old telephone advertising slogan goes. Either way, I'm looking forward to a delicious turkey, with all the trimmings. I hope you are too.

We want to send a big Easter Bunny shout out to all the essential service - retail workers, transit drivers, first responders, truck drivers, food delivery workers and, of course, healthcare workers and others on the frontlines and who may be working right through this holiday weekend! Your service is appreciated!

None of the markets are open this weekend. Below we'll tell you about some of the preparations for the re-opening of the markets and provide you with some of the results from last week's Farmers' Market COVID survey.

Please be safe, enjoy your weekend and stay tuned.

Cheers,

Bernie



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**Farmers' Market COVID  
Survey Result  
Highlights**

A big thank-you to all of you who took a moment to fill out the survey.

To date, there have been 84 responses to the Consumer survey and 40 responses to the Vendor survey.

Below are some of the highlights.



### Consumer Survey

**73.8% said they would be very likely to, or would, if convenient, shop at a farmers market over the next few weeks if the market is taking health and safety precautions and providing social distancing space, as outlined by health authorities**

**65.4% said they would be very likely or likely to order farmers' market foods online, for pickup**

**79.3% said yes, Farmers' Markets should be re-opened with COVID-19 guidelines, as soon as possible**

### Vendor Survey

**81.6% said yes, the "Farmers' Markets should be reopened as modified markets, meeting the Health Authorities' COVID-19 guidelines, as soon as possible"**

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## Getting Ready to Reopen the Markets, in the time of COVID-19

### Three Principals for this Season's Modified Food-First Markets

Very soon, we will be re-opening the Burnaby and then the Lonsdale and Ambleside Farmers' Markets. The markets will follow new health guidelines, most of which can be found on this [BC CDC webpage](#).

We'll provide more information but, to simplify, you can think of the guidelines in three categories.



**1 - Hygiene** - Hand sanitizer and wash stations will be provided. How we will use masks and / or face shield and gloves is being considered.

**2 - Physical Distancing** - This includes, lining up at least two meters apart, entering when allowed by attendants and maintaining distance within the market.

**3 - No Hanging Around** - Once in the market, you'll be asked to shop in one direction, from the entrance to the exit. We don't mean to be rude, but, please make your purchases, then exit the market and make your way home :-)

## Volunteers Needed to Help at Modified Markets, & More!



Your help is needed to meet the modified market guidelines. If you would like to volunteer, please submit this simple [Volunteer Form](#) on our Website. Together we will beat the impact COVID-19 is having on the small businesses who participate in the markets and continue serving the community. Your help is needed!

[Volunteer Application Form](#)