The health and safety of our vendors, volunteers, and customers is our top priority. Our rules have been developed from the DEC Farmer’s market guidance as well as other state and federal recommendations and resources to make our markets as safe as possible for you to enjoy. The COVID-19 virus is spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks and by people who may not yet be showing symptoms. If you are an at-risk population (particularly older adults or immunocompromised individuals) we encourage you to prioritize your own health and minimize your exposure to large groups of people. Consider asking a friend or family member to pick up your market items for you.

To keep a safe number of people in the market at any given time to help with social distancing, only a set amount of people will be allowed in the market space during a given time. Tickets for a set time can be purchased ahead of time to guarantee a space to enter the market. These tickets can be purchased as an individual, couple or family bubble to remain together in the market space. The number of available bubble spaces will be determined by the space left over from pre-bought tickets.

**General Rules for Safety at the Market:**

1. All shoppers, vendors, and volunteers must wear a mask before being allowed to enter the market space.
2. Shoppers, vendors and volunteers must maintain a six foot distance between themselves and others. Exceptions are for shoppers entering the market in their family bubble, who are asked as a group/couple to stay 6ft from others as a group.
3. If you are feeling sick, please stay home. For vendors, we will have a flexible booth fee refund policy with notice. For shoppers, pre-bought bubble tickets can also be refunded if not able to attend.
4. There are no public bathrooms available at the market. Please use the restroom at home before coming to the market.
5. Volunteer Social Distancing “officers” will help to ensure we maintain six foot distances from each other, and are abiding by the market rules.

**Rules for Shoppers at the Market:**
1. Shoppers will be allowed to enter on a staggered start basis, which will be managed by purchase of a limited number of tickets/half hour. As people exit the market, others will be allowed to enter.
2. Shoppers must enter and exit the market at the designated entrance/exit on the Seward Street side of Front street. – Foot traffic will be one-way.
3. Shoppers must use hand sanitizer at the entrance station before entering the market.
4. The market is organized for shoppers to walk through single file, one way. There will be chalk indicators on the street to help with social distancing spacing, including passing lanes and waiting spots. The spot indicators will have numbers on them, and periodically during the market, numbers will be called for door prizes (to encourage people to remain on numbered spots.) Distance monitors will be assigned to every 4 booths to make sure people are maintaining their distances.
5. One shopper is allowed per vendor at a time. Vendors are required to have a booth layout that promotes safe social distancing between the customer and the vendor.
6. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own bags for the market. However vendors will not take the bags, vendors will place products into your bag being held out.
7. Do not touch products while shopping. Ask the vendor for what you would like. If you have brought your own bag, vendors will place products into your bag.
8. There is no seating. Shoppers are asked to leave as soon as they complete their purchases.
9. There is no on-site food consumption, and no food sampling. Any food products should be individually packaged for sale.
10. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the market.

Rules for Safe Vendors at the Market:
1. Vendors must bring all their own tables, chairs, stands, tents, and disinfecting supplies.
2. The market is organized for customers to walk through single file, one way. Vendors will be spread out with space between each booth to allow for social
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3. One shopper is allowed per vendor at a time. Vendors are required to have a booth layout that promotes safe social distancing between the customer and the vendor.

4. Shoppers are not allowed to handle products while shopping. They must ask the vendor for what they would like and vendors will place products into their bag. If shoppers have not brought their own bags, vendors can either hand over the product or bag the item with their own bags and hand over.

5. Vendors and market volunteers will disinfect all surfaces every thirty minutes.

6. Vendors are asked not to use cloth tablecloths to make it easier to sanitize surfaces; or, if using a tablecloth, to lay a sheet of plastic over the top of vendor tables or use plastic/vinyl tablecloths which can be disinfected.

7. Vendors are encouraged to accept credit card payment from their booths using a touchless card reader. Vendors who handle cash must use hand sanitizer between customers and before handling products. Vendors are encouraged to have one person handle money and another handle product.

8. Vendors must have all food products individually packaged for sale, including produce (i.e. bag of potatoes, not a bin of loose potatoes)

Following these guidelines, open air markets are one of the safest ways to shop. If you have suggestions on how we can make your shopping experience feel safer, please email us at Info@jahc.org.