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Neskowin Farmers Market 2020 Season Opens May 16!

The first market of Neskowin Farmers Market 2020 season will be Saturday May 16, from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Neskowin Valley School. Governor Kate Brown has declared farmers markets essential services. Following the guidance issued by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Market will continue operating as an important source of food for residents of Neskowin and the surrounding area. The market will return to our usual location at the Neskowin Beach Wayside as soon as possible after Oregon State Parks reopen.

The Neskowin Farmers Market is a necessary source of food for many residents of Tillamook and Lincoln Counties, and we are committed to the health and well-being of our community. We are following CDC and state guidelines to prioritize customer, vendor and community health, so things will look and feel a lot different than they have in past years. Please help us keep the market open and continue supporting local farmers by observing the changes to market operations while you shop.

The following are changes to market operations:

- **The market will be held in Neskowin Valley School's covered play area while the Neskowin Beach Wayside is closed. The school's address is 10005 Slab Creek Road, about 4 miles inland from the wayside. Parking is available in the gravel lot and you will have to walk around the building to the play area.**
- **We ask that all shoppers, vendors and volunteers wear a face covering while in the market.**
- Only vendors selling grocery items will be allowed at the market.
- There will be no craft/artist vendors until further notice. We encourage you to support our local crafters: visit the market's website to find their contact and ordering information!
- Please observe the first hour of market (9:00-10:00am) for our community members who are at a higher risk (elderly, immune-compromised, etc).

- Live music and the community booth have been cancelled until further notice.
- There will be no samples, no seating, and no hot coffee for purchase. Consumption of food in the market is not allowed.
- Dogs are not allowed in the market until further notice.
- There will be 1 entrance and 1 exit to the farmers market. Please read and follow signage and listen to instructions from market staff and volunteers.
- We will be limiting the total number of customers inside the market and the number of customers waiting to enter the market. We may ask people to wait in their parked car.
- Vendor booths will be spaced 10 feet apart, and vendors are implementing additional safety precautions
- Only 1 shopper at a time will be allowed in a booth. Please stand on the marked 'X's on the ground to maintain social distancing while waiting in line.
- No public bathroom facilities will be available at the market while at Neskowin Valley School.
- A handwashing station will be available for customer use.
- The market is functioning like a grocery store. Please wave 'hello' to your neighbors and move along.
- **We are still accepting SNAP EBT! We are still providing SNAP Match (extra matching this year!!!) We still have vendors who accept FDNP checks (the green \$4 ones)!**

WE ASK THAT CUSTOMERS:

- Stay home if you have any symptoms or think you may have been exposed to coronavirus/covid-19.
- Do not come to market in a group. If possible, send only 1 member of your household to shop.
- Offer to shop for a neighbor who has a higher risk of getting sick.
- Talk to a group of your neighbors and consider sending only 1 person to shop for multiple households.
- Come prepared with a shopping list to reduce the amount of time spent at market. Our vendors and their products are listed on our website, and many of them have a preorder system in place as well!
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently using your own or the options provided.
- Wash any reusable shopping bags before bringing them to market. Vendors will not touch or pack your bags for you.
- Only touch items that you know you are going to buy!
- After completing your shopping, do not linger. There may be other people waiting to enter the market behind you.

WHAT OUR VENDORS ARE DOING:

- Booth layouts will be reconfigured to maintain 6 feet between the vendor and customer.
- Each booth will have a designated social distancing officer.
- Removing self-service operations: customers will not be able to handle produce before purchase.

- Reusable produce bags will not be allowed, but customers may use a reusable grocery bag for their purchases.
- No samples.
- Vendors will wipe down 'high touch' areas like tables, screens and cashboxes frequently. Tables will have a plastic tablecloth or no tablecloth for easier cleaning.
- Each vendor will have a hand washing station.
- Vendors must wear masks and gloves when handling food directly.
- Pre-bagging/pre-portioning all items is strongly encouraged.
- Rounding prices to the nearest dollar to avoid coin handling is encouraged.
- Vendors will stay home if sick or if they may have been exposed to coronavirus/covid-19.
- Clear signage will be displayed explaining forms of payment the vendor accepts.
- Vendors are encouraged to accept contactless forms of payment like an app like Venmo, or by using a contactless card reader.
- Vendors handling money, tokens, vouchers or checks will not handle produce until after washing their hands.
- If possible, vendors will designate 1 person to handle and bag items for sale, and 1 person to handle money and transactions.