

First and foremost, I hope you all are well during this time of uncertainty. It is hard to believe that we are in the midst of this, but I take comfort in knowing we are all in this together.

I know this is not the news anyone wanted to hear, and it saddens me to have to deliver this message. As of today, the Davidson Farmers Market will be closed until May 2nd at the earliest.

This decision was a difficult choice to make. As an organization, we have a responsibility to make sure that our vendors and shoppers are safe, first. The market is a beloved activity in our community that gathers a large number of shoppers and vendors together in a densely populated area. We want to make sure that as an organization we create a space that is healthy and safe for everyone at all times. We are taking this brief break to do our part to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and to implement new protocols for operations that include an increase in sanitation and disinfectant practices.

In the meantime DFM will now operate as a center of information for our vendors and shoppers, connecting the two to one another to ensure small businesses can continue to operate and that shoppers can have access to local and fresh produce and food. As we speak we are gathering information from our vendors and neighboring farmers markets to provide weekly/daily updates of where to get food and supplies from your favorite farmers and purveyors.

Updates will be via newsletters, social media, and website. Additionally, I will be on hand to answer any questions and provide support to YOU and our vendors during this time. I can be reached at [Justin@DavidsonFarmersMarkets.org](mailto:Justin@DavidsonFarmersMarkets.org)

Happy eating,  
Justin

