



BMI Farmers' Market 2020 FAQ

Is the BMI Farmers' Market happening this season?

Yes, the BMI Farmers' Market will open as scheduled on Saturday, May 16, 2020 as farmers' markets are considered essential.

The BMI pavilion is currently being used for COVID testing conducted by MedStar Health. If that is still taking place at the BMI in mid-May, the market will move down the street to 1321 Key Highway--the parking lot by Little Havana. Thanks to our partners at Goodier Properties for offering this space. The market will move back to the BMI parking lot/pavilion as soon as the testing wraps up. We anticipate a full season ending November 28.

What precautions should I take when coming to the BMI Farmers' Market?

You'll want to follow the local, state, and national guidelines in place, including the [Governor's order on face masks](#). Please wash your hands before and after coming to the market, cover your face, and remain 6' away from shoppers and vendors whenever possible. We're working with our vendors now to set up pre-ordering options, so you can minimize your time out at the market.

What precautions is the BMI taking to keep the Farmers' Market safe?

Vendors are required to wear masks and will offer pre-order options whenever possible. Stands will be arranged further apart than usual, and we will mark 6' increments to show appropriate distance for waiting in line. Hand sanitizer will be available for shoppers and vendors.

Can coronavirus spread through food?

According to the [CDC](#), it seems unlikely that COVID-19 can be transmitted through food based on information about the virus so far.

Where can I learn more about farmers' markets during the state of emergency?

The [Maryland Department of Agriculture](#) maintains an up-to-date information sheet.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

Contact Market Manager Ann Fiocco at market@thebmi.org or Community Programs Manager Auni Gelles at agelles@thebmi.org.