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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Guidance on the Operation of Farmers Markets

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has offered the following guidance for the operation of farmers markets during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Governor's Office and VDACS are NOT requiring farmers markets to close. However, they should not be set up to allow on-site browsing. Farmers markets should operate in a capacity that allows for delivery and/or take-out services.

- ✓ Establish a system for ordering ahead when possible.
- ✓ Provide curbside pick-up, where possible, to allow customers to stay in their vehicles.
- ✓ Comply with social distancing guidelines at all times.
- ✓ Ensure all standard sanitary and hygiene practices are followed by market staff and vendors.
- ✓ Promote no-touch or low-touch purchasing opportunities by pre-boxing or pre-bagging food items.
- ✓ Adhere to food industry guidance provided by the Virginia Department of Health.

Dinwiddie County has one farmers market, located in the Town of McKenney, at 10402 Doyle Blvd. The McKenney Farmers market is open on Fridays, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Pre-orders will be taken by email (mckenneyfarmersmarket@gmail.com) or through their Facebook page (McKenney Farmers Market). Curbside pick-up will be available. Vendors and patrons shopping on-site will be required to wear face coverings.

Dinwiddie County appreciates the continued patience and cooperation of citizens to adhere to social distancing guidelines; and the local businesses for making accommodations and sacrifices to allow the community access to their goods and services.

Together we are #DinwiddieStrong!