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May at the Market

We're all living in a time of turmoil and uncertainty. Coronavirus has drastically altered our daily routines and most everything we took for granted. The world has changed in ways that we never thought possible.

As an <u>essential business</u>, it's our job to keep fresh produce flowing through the region. Now more than ever, healthy eating can make an impact on getting through this crisis. The nutrient-rich compounds found in fruit and vegetables can nourish our bodies and minds and, more importantly, boost our immune systems.

There's so much we can't control right now, but we're focused on what we can. And that's our environment, our attitude, and our continued commitment to the community. Here are some steps we're taking to make the Philadelphia Wholesale Produce Market the best it can be for our loyal suppliers, customers, and employees:

#### **OUR ENVIRONMENT**



We're proud that our state-of-the-art facility has been a model for produce terminal markets around the globe. We are tasked with keeping it in top shape, especially during this crisis. We've reduced our customer hours to allow more time to clean and sanitize between visits. We've also limited access to the Market through Entrances "C" and "H" only. Face coverings are required at all times per Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's Executive Order and gloves are available at each store. Social distancing of six feet is compulsory and truck drivers are required to remain in their vehicles while on the premises. We are encouraging our market customers to place orders remotely and arrange for delivery whenever possible.

Many stores have taken additional precautions and protective steps to ensure a safe environment.

We urge you to share your best practices with everyone around you!

#### **OUR ATTITUDE**



We are choosing to lead by example, be proactive, and flexible. We are guided by information provided by the USDA, the CDC, the FDA and the United Fresh Produce Association. As an essential operation, it's our duty to stay informed of the facts and not let fear and frustration overtake us.

#### **OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY**



Every day, a <u>Philabundance</u> truck rolls through the Philadelphia Wholesale Produce Market and picks up fresh produce from the backs of stores. Our merchants donate daily to the area's largest hunger relief organization, which provides food to 90,000 individuals each week through its own food distributions and a network of approximately 350 social service agencies including food pantries, churches, shelters, and emergency kitchens.

In addition, we are proud to work with <u>The Mid-Atlantic Regional Cooperative (MARC)</u>, which is a regional produce distribution system for Feeding America food banks. They cover from New England to Virginia with 23 participating food banks and distribute approximately 1.5 million pounds of produce a month.

We know that the community is depending on us during this time and we will do everything in our power to stay open and supply the region with fresh produce. We don't know how long this pandemic will last, but we will remain productive, positive, and live up to our name in the City of Brotherly Love.

Look for some mouth-watering fruit and vegetables to make their way into the PWPM this May:



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# Are You Ready for May?



Cinco de Mayo - Tuesday, May 5, 2020 Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10, 2020 Memorial Day - Monday, May 25, 2020

## **New Market Hours**

Sunday: 9:00 am to Sunday: 12:00 pm Sunday: 9:00 pm to Monday: 10:00 am Monday: 9:00 pm to Tuesday: 10:00 am Tuesday: 9:00 pm to Wednesday: 10:00 am Wednesday: 9:00 pm to Thursday: 10:00 am Thursday: 9:00 pm to Friday: 10:00 am





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