

COVID-19 Market Safety Plan

Public Health has advised that the prohibition on gatherings of greater than 50 people refers to “one-time or episodic events” (weddings, public gatherings), and does not apply to markets. However, maintaining physical distancing and proper hygiene in the market is important.

ELIMINATION

- The City of Nelson has implemented measures to keep Staff, vendors and customers at least 2 meters apart, wherever possible and practicable

Measures include:

- Staff monitoring of customer traffic to ensure physical distancing is being maintained, as well as implementing occupancy limits for areas such as washrooms and picnic tables
- Providing adequate space in between market vendors
- Cancellation of all activities that promote gatherings such as live music and demonstrations

ENGINEERING

- The City of Nelson has implemented traffic control measures at the market

Measures include:

- Physical distancing markers for public waiting in line to enter market, and to enter washrooms
- Directional signage and traffic delineators for traffic flow in market
- Restricting access and traffic flow to one entrance and one exit
- Staff to monitor and control traffic
- Hand sanitizer provided at entrance to market

ADMINISTRATIVE

- The City of Nelson is promoting a “Shop-don’t-stop” atmosphere at the market and encouraging customers to be respectful of other customers’ space and time by moving at a moderate pace through the market
- The City of Nelson has identified rules and guidelines for how City staff, market vendors and customers should conduct themselves and how to follow proper physical distancing and hygiene protocols
- The City of Nelson has implemented guidelines for anyone presenting symptoms of COVID-19
- The City of Nelson has clearly communicated these rules and guidelines to workers, vendors and patrons through a combination of training, signage, procedural guidelines and verbal communication
- The City of Nelson has reviewed the information on cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and provided procedural guidelines to staff and vendors
- We have procedural guidelines for workers regarding hand washing and have communicated these to our staff and vendors
- Workers required to clean have been given adequate training, supplies and access to MSDS sheets