

Village Art in the Park COVID-19 safety plan 2020



The following operational guidelines will help lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure for our Village Art in the Park employees, our artist vendors and visitors to the market.

Anticipate and Communicate Change

- We are aware that the market season and its rules & regulations will be dynamic and subject to change, quite possibly with minimal notice.
- We will keep a log with notes on what works well and what needs to change before the next market.
- We will use our website, social media, email or other methods to share updates with our artists and the public at large on our schedules, operating standards and expectations while at the market

Put Vendor Safety Plans in Place

- Our vendors will complete a safety plan with the following information:
 - How they plan to protect their own health (such as hand hygiene).
 - How they plan to protect customers from exposure while at their booth.
 - Their plans to reduce touchpoints in the booth, including:
 - Keeping designated “Display Only” items for customers to view or handle, when possible.

Social or Physical Distancing

Staying at least 6 feet away from others can help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We will use the following strategies to ensure physical distancing in the market:

- Modify the market layout.
 - Artist booths will be spaced at least 6 feet apart (see new map).
 - If deemed necessary, we can implement single-direction travel between booths to promote 6 feet of distance between visitors.
 - We will attempt to minimize pets in the area to help minimize congestion (with the exception of service animals).
- Implement management practices to reduce crowding and maintain social distancing.
 - We will We will create a plan for how to respond when people aren't in compliance with social distancing measures.
 - We will train market staff on social distancing requirements and ways to educate or correct others to maintain a safe environment.
 - We will ask our artists vendors to help ensure that social distancing plans are followed.

Exclude People with Illness

A key way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to watch for symptoms and stay home if ill.

- We will use a written checklist to assess the health of market staff and artist vendors before they enter the market.
 - Individuals with any of the following symptoms should not work in or visit the market:
 - A fever (100.4°F or higher)
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - A sore throat
 - Muscle aches
 - We will encourage individuals with any of the above symptoms to:
 - Self-isolate at home
 - Visit the Washington State Department of Health website for information about what to do next
 - Contact their health provider by phone if they need medical assistance

Cloth Face Coverings

There is limited evidence to suggest that cloth face coverings (masks) help reduce COVID-19 transmission. However, these coverings can reduce the release of infectious particles into the air when someone speaks, coughs or sneezes. The Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that people wear cloth face coverings when they are in public settings where they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from others. To preserve PPE for the medical community, surgical masks or N-95 respirators should not be used by the public.

- Our Village Art in the Park employees and our artist vendors will wear cloth masks unless they have a medical reason not to.
- We will supply disposable masks to visitors who lack them.

Handwashing/ Hand Sanitizing

We will ensure that all Village Art in the Park employees, artist vendors and attendees have the means to wash or sanitize their hands.

- The City restrooms that we have access to have soap; running, potable warm water; and single-use towels.
- Hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% ethyl alcohol will be available at the cashier stand as well as at artist booths.
- We will have designated staff to check and replenish hygiene supplies.
- We will encourage our vendors to provide their own hand sanitizer for personal use.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

At the beginning and conclusion of each shift, a designated Village Art in the Park employee will ensure that cleaning and sanitization procedures are completed.

- An established procedure for cleaning and sanitizing touchpoints, merchandise, shelving, displays and other surfaces will be followed.
 - Soap and water will be used to clean surfaces with visible dirt.
 - An EPA-registered disinfectant will be used per label instructions to disinfect touch points in the market.
 - At least once an hour, high touch areas such as payment devices will be disinfected.

Payment Handling

Money has not been linked to the spread of COVID-19, but it is still important to reduce direct hand contact with shoppers.

- After handling payment, a person should not touch their eyes, nose or mouth until they have washed their hands.
- We have the technology and will encourage mobile, credit card, or other cash-free payment options.
- In the event of a cash payment we will:
 - Ask for exact change to help limit additional handling.
 - Collect cash payments into a container rather than directly into hands

Reusable Shopping Bags

It is unlikely for a person to get COVID-19 by touching reusable shopping bags. According to the CDC, touching surfaces that may have the virus on them is not the main way the virus spreads. However, the following recommendations can help address additional concerns:

- We will encourage customers to bag their own items when using reusable shopping bags.
- We will remind our Village Art in the Park employees and our artist vendors to wash their hands or use sanitizing gel often, and to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.