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Market remains open as essential service with expanded Covid-19 guidelines in place for Easter weekend and orders direct from stallholders

The <u>Capital Region Farmers Market</u> will remain open as an essential food source for Canberrans and is being very carefully managed using the Covid-19 guidelines in place now and for the coming Easter weekend.

"The Market supplies Canberrans with fresh, healthy produce and will continue to maintain food supply from regional growers and a healthy diet for Canberrans, at a time when perhaps they need this the most," said Capital Region Farmers Market Manager, Sarah Power.

"For the safety of all our shoppers, the biggest rule we want people to follow is to just shop and go. We want to continue to reduce the numbers of people congregating at the Market as much as possible and encourage all our shoppers to get in and out in the least amount of time possible.

"Of course, it's important to maintain a 1.5m distance from others when shopping at the Market.

"We will be open this coming Saturday 11th April so that customers can come in and buy their fresh produce for the Easter long weekend. We suggest, if possible, that just one member from each household attends to help reduce the number of people attending.

"Many of our stallholders have adapted to the current situation and have introduced new ways people can buy from them including pre-ordering and pick up at the Market, ordering directly from the stallholder and home delivery," Sarah continued.

The Market has updated all its guidelines and measures in response to Covid-19. In addition to the aforementioned measures, stallholders will remain spread out, additional wash basins have been added to the Market entrances, and ready-to-eat food is available only as takeaway.

The Capital Region Farmers Market will continue each Saturday until further notice.

The full list of Market measures and expectations for customers can be found here https://capitalregionfarmersmarket.com.au/latest-market-morsels/covid-19-and-the-market/ See home page for stallholders offering order direct options.

The Capital Region Farmers Markets will be open Saturday 11th April 2020 from 7.30am until 11.30am. Stay up to date via Facebook and Instagram @crfarmersmarket.

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