To our Hampstead Farmers’ Market Community:

During this time we are all struggling to come to grips with our new reality. The COVID-19 crisis and the current restrictions in place to keep us safe have affected everyone. However, we want you to know that the Hampstead Farmers’ Market Advisory Team has carefully considered the best way to operate as we approach the opening of our 2020 season. This decision has been made with the health and safety of our community as our number one priority, while knowing we also have an important duty to provide this community with access to locally grown and produced food and other goods. Therefore, until the state and federal regulations are no longer in effect, the market will function as a preorder and prepayment only market. You can find a list of participating vendors on both the Hampstead Farmers’ Market website and Facebook page, or you can call Keith Johnson at 410-236-0589. Please note that at this time, only essential items are allowed to be sold. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters together!

Customers who would like to place orders through participating individual vendors can do so prior to our Opening Day, June 6, 2020, and each week thereafter until further notice. Pick up of items preordered and prepaid will be DURING OUR USUAL MARKET TIMES – EACH SATURDAY BETWEEN 8:30 AM AND 12 NOON (or scheduled appointment pick up times with individual vendors) ON THE CARNIVAL GROUNDS OF THE HAMPSTEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 1341 N. MAIN STREET IN HAMPSTEAD.

Using the preorder option does not mean, however, that customers and vendors will not need to follow hygiene guidelines mandated by the state. Please review the following special market guidelines below before coming to the market grounds for pick up:

• NO PETS permitted at the market until further notice.
• Face masks must be worn when picking up orders.
• Maintain 6-foot distancing rule.
• If possible please only one person attend for pick up. Limit socializing; do not come with a group.
• No walk-up shopping/purchases are permitted. All items must be preordered and prepaid.
• Some vendors may have their own safety procedures in place; please be respectful of their requests.

WE ARE EXCITED TO BEGIN OUR 2020 SEASON AND PROVIDE YOU WITH ACCESS TO LOCAL FOOD. OUR FARMERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES RELY ON OUR MARKET TO CONTINUE PROVIDING FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THEM!!!