



MEDIA ALERT

Union Station Farmers Market Opening, Introduces “Chef Box” Series

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WHO: Boulder County Farmers Markets

WHAT: [Boulder County Farmers Markets](#) (BCFM) is opening its Union Station market in Denver on Saturday, June 13 at 9 a.m. in a limited capacity. BCFM is also introducing a series of experiential cooking through a partnership with the 2020 Union Station Market Chef Council, a group of Denver chefs formed in support of their local growers and the farmers market.

As Union Station restaurants have been and are continuing to gain approval on extended outdoor seating onto the Wynkoop plaza, the Saturday Union Station Farmers Market will have limited space. BCFM expects there to be 12 vendors for the first few weeks of operations, including mostly produce, meat, pantry staples and baked good vendors. Given the size of the market, guests are encouraged to limit their shopping trips to 10-15 minutes. Shoppers can make their shopping reservations [here](#). Walk-ups are not encouraged, but a few slots are available each week. Please see BCFM’s website [here](#) for BCFM farmers markets’ COVID-19 safety measures guidelines and requirements.

In collaboration with the 2020 Union Station Market Chef Council, the market will host a Council Chef twice per month to hand-select a weekly “Chef Box” at the Union Station Farmers Market, then to cook a meal that people can cook themselves using vendor’s products on Instagram live. Think virtual chef demo. The Chef Box will then be available for purchase on the online platform for curbside pickup at all [BCFM2Go](#) pickup locations, as supplies last. Each month will feature a different Council member. Final dates and details will be announced in the coming weeks on BCFM’s [chef page](#).

Participating chefs include:

June: Chef Paul C. Reilly of [Coperta](#) & [beast + bottle](#)

July: Alex Seidel and Matt Vawter of [Mercantile Dining & Provision](#)

Aug: Jen Janinski of [Crafted Concepts](#)

September: Sheila Lucero of [Jax Fish House LoDo](#)

October: Frasca Hospitality Group

BCFM2Go will continue to operate, and increase their offerings, throughout the summer, as new produce items and packaged goods are added every week. Customers place orders on Wednesdays, and pick up their order via curbside service at the Sundays at the Longmont Fairgrounds until June 28. After June 28, a new location will be announced. A Denver and Lafayette pickup will be available by the end of June.

The following will not be available at market until further notice:

- No food samples
- No market bucks (credit cards only, please)
- No live music
- No seating
- No artisan shows
- No nonprofit booths

BCFM has also released the following guidelines for its markets:

PLEASE -

- DON'T come to market without a reservation
- [DO pre-order](#) as many of your items as possible
- DON'T come to market if you're sick
- DO make a shopping list and plan your route
- DO use the restrooms before you leave home
- DON'T bring pets to market
- DO limit your party to one to two people
- DO wear a mask (required)
- DO use our hand-washing and sanitizing stations
- DO stand on our six feet distancing marks
- DO follow our one-way flow of traffic
- DO keep your market visits short
- DO use credit cards
- DON'T use cash if you can avoid it (if you must, bring small bills)
- DON'T touch any produce or goods
- DON'T consume any food onsite
- DO wash and disinfect all your purchases with a food-safe product when you return home

Up-to-the-minute dates and details are always available at www.bcfm.org.

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Additional high resolution imagery available on request. High-resolution, professionally-taken photographs of the BCFM available [here](#), photo credit: Ashton Ray Hansen.

About the Boulder County Farmers Market

Boulder County Farmers Markets is a nonprofit organization operating producer-only farmers markets in Colorado since 1987. Named one of America's "Top 10 Farmers Markets" by USA TODAY (2015), BCFM's mission is to support, promote and expand local agriculture, to make fresh products accessible to the community and to strengthen relationships between local food producers and food consumers. It is the oldest continually running 'growers-only' farmers' market organization in Colorado. BCFM has four market locations in Boulder, Longmont, Denver, and Lafayette. Lafayette will be operating as a curbside pickup only market in the 2020 season.

For more information about Boulder County Farmers Markets, visit bcfm.org, and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). For media information or interviews with Brian Coppom, the Executive Director, contact Kuvy Ax at 720.329.7327 or kuvy@rootmarketingpr.com.