

# Food

- 1. I have some specific dietary needs (vegan, gluten-free, halal, etc.). Will there be food options for me?**
  - a. Cultures around the world are represented in our food tents, and many offerings are likely to meet most common dietary requirements. Full ingredient information will be available for each dish. If you have specific concerns or questions, please email [connect@concordnhmulticulturalfestival.org](mailto:connect@concordnhmulticulturalfestival.org) or stop by the Welcome Tent at the event.
- 2. How much does the food cost?**
  - a. We have designed our offerings this year in a "tasting menu" format so that you can sample many different dishes if you wish. Most dishes will be \$3 - \$5.
- 3. Can I pay for food with a credit card?**
  - a. We will be using a voucher system for our food tents this year, and with cash only. Purchasing from vendors with non-food items (craft vendors, etc.) can be done with cash, and in some cases, credit cards, depending on the individual vendor. For more information about the voucher system, please visit our website <https://concordnhmulticulturalfestival.org/>
- 4. Can I bring my own food, such as a cooler, picnic basket, or beverages?**
  - a. While we hope you will enjoy our diverse food offerings, you may bring your own food and beverages onto the State House lawn and surrounding public areas. Please note that, per New Hampshire state law, alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in public areas, including all areas of the festival.

# Parking and Location

- 1. Where can I park?**
  - a. Free parking is available on all streets surrounding Capitol Street, where the festival is held. Parking garages are also accessible from Warren Street and State Street. Most parking in downtown Concord is within a 5-7 minute walk to the festival. Please respect private parking lots and garages, which are clearly marked and are not available for public parking.
- 2. How much does it cost to park?**
  - a. All municipal on-street and garage parking is free in Concord on Sundays. Please respect private parking lots and garages, which are clearly marked and are not available for public parking.
- 3. Is there wheelchair-accessible parking near the festival?**
  - a. Yes. Wheelchair-accessible parking spots are available on Main Street, Park Street, and State Street, all of which are adjacent to the festival location. Accessible parking is also available in the School Street and State Street parking garages, which are 2-3 blocks from the festival.

# General Logistics

- 1. Is there an admission fee for the festival?**
  - a. No! You are welcome to enjoy our performances, demonstrations, and information booths free of charge.
- 2. Is there seating available?**
  - a. Some seating will be available near the performance stage, and there are some picnic tables and stone walls on the State House lawn. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair, picnic blanket, or other portable seat if you would like. Please respect Main Street merchants and refrain from using their outdoor seating.
- 3. Can I bring a backpack or purse?**
  - a. Yes, but for the comfort and safety of all attendees we discourage large bags and backpacks. There are many people in attendance and it can get crowded, especially in the food vendor area, and there are no facilities available to store large bags or backpacks during the festival.
- 4. Can I bring my dog?**
  - a. Trained service animals are welcome in all parts of the festival. Leashed, well-behaved pet dogs are also welcome. Owners of aggressive, uncontrolled, or unleashed pets will be asked to remove their pets from the festival grounds for the safety and comfort of all attendees. For your pet's safety and comfort, please do not leave your pet in your car while you attend the festival.
- 5. Will there be bathrooms available?**
  - a. Portable toilets will be available near the State House lawn. Please respect Main Street merchants and do not use their restroom facilities.
- 6. Will there be water available?**
  - a. We will have a water cooler at the Welcome tent, and you are welcome to fill a water bottle from it for free. We also have branded water bottles available for purchase at the Welcome tent. They are \$5 each and funds go to support the Festival. Other beverages will also be available for purchase at the Welcome tent. Please note that there are no water fountains near the State House lawn.
- 7. Is there a place to nurse a baby or change a diaper?**
  - a. The Spiritual Assembly Of The Baha'is Of Concord is hosting a respite station with crafts for children. Nursing mothers and families of small children are welcome to take advantage of the respite station, but not required to. You are welcome to nurse or change a diaper in any private area on the State House lawn.
- 8. What is the rain date?**
  - a. The Multicultural Festival will take place on Sunday, September 22, rain or shine. There is no rain date. Please be aware that there are few sheltered or shaded areas on the State House lawn.
- 9. Is everything at the festival family-friendly?**

- a. Yes! We welcome attendees of all ages, and there will be lots of activities and performances that will be interesting to children.

**10. Will the festival be very loud or crowded? Are there any sensory-friendly areas?**

- a. We do anticipate a good crowd at the festival, and there will be many performances with music, bright colors, and movement. There will be a respite station on the outskirts of the venue hosted by Spiritual Assembly Of The Baha'is Of Concord. However, as the festival is outside, there are many areas within a short walk where you can get away from crowds or noise if needed.