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Message regarding LaMora Farms/Covid-19:

As we enter uncharted waters this season here at our farm, we want to keep our Garden Gazebo and GARNISH & GATHER customers informed surrounding Covid-19 and our business. Our first priority (this season and always) is to maintain the safety of our family, our employees, our customers and our community. While we are not yet sure exactly what changes will be implemented this season, we want you to be confident that we are preparing for many different possibilities- and we ask for your patience and confidence that our team is ready and willing to tackle whatever it takes to continue growing our crops and making them available to you safely.

Things that will stay the same:

1. Seeing how farmers have been implementing social distancing since the beginning of time, we are already limiting contact and avoiding any face-to-face interactions.
2. We are already accustomed to wearing PPE (personal protective equipment) in our daily activities as required by federal and state labels & mandates.
3. We are already following a food safety program we developed for our own operation adhering to GAP (good agricultural practices) standards. We annually pass audits which uphold the standard operating procedures we employ to keep our growing practices safe all the way from planting to harvesting to packaging to delivery.
4. We will continue to educate our employees on safe handling practices and communicate regularly about our expectations and standard operating procedures for scheduled cleaning & sanitization measures.

Things that may change:

1. We may need to limit the number of customers in the Gazebos to allow for more distance between shoppers.
2. We WILL be offering some type of electronic payment method to reduce the exchange of paper money.
3. We may or may not be able to offer u-pick or on farm social activities- and if we do, they will be organized in a more strict (by appointment?) and spaced (sectioned fields?) manner.
4. We WILL be adding additional hand-washing/sanitizer stations around the farm.
5. We will no longer be re-using any packaging containers.
6. This list will continue to grow and change as needed.

The Garden Gazebos do not open until June- we are hopeful that by that time the community and country is largely out of the woods and beginning to get back to all things we've all been missing- including fresh air, farm markets and locally grown fruits & veggies! However, we are preparing for a variety of different scenarios and levels of precaution this season as the situation continues to unfold. We are currently following several sources of information & webinars regarding Covid-19 as it relates to agriculture and food safety and we'll be keeping our customers up to date on what measures we'll be employing as we get closer to opening to the public. In the meantime we are forging ahead, and preparing for a wonderful season, whatever that may entail.

Please bear with us as we navigate through whatever changes are necessary, and know we are more excited than ever for you to 'grow with us' this year!!

Lindsay & Earl LaMora
