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## Fall Harvest Festival to Take Place With COVID-19 Safety Guidelines - The City of and Market are partnering once again to host the area's annual Fall Harvest Festival. The Festival will take place the weekend of October 8 and 9 at the Market Pavillion. 2022 will mark the event's thirteenth year, making its return after its cancellation last fall due to concerns surrounding COVID-19. The city is approaching the coordination of this year's Festival with lingering concerns in mind and plans to implement various precautionary measures to keep residents healthy as they begin the return to normalcy. With the help of community volunteers, action items will include temperature checks for attendees entering indoor spaces, regular sanitation procedures, mask requirements, and social distancing guidelines. "We are listening to the voices of community members who are concerned with the risks surrounding the Fall Harvest Festival," ensures Mayor . "Everyone involved in planning this event is working to ensure everyone who attends stays safe, so we can bring our community together again once again for our people and our local businesses." area small businesses rely on events such as the annual Fall Harvest Festival, which help them to gain visibility and bring together members of their community with locally-produced products and services. Now more than ever, this seems to be necessary for the area's business owners. "The impacts of Coronavirus on my shop have been detrimental to so many businesses here in Shutdowns of stores like mine have made it nearly impossible to financially recover enough to reopen," located on Canton Street in explains owner of . "No matter how the government classifies a business, they are all essential when it comes time to put food on the table for your family." Local business owners such as are relieved at the opportunity to open for

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