



Dear Friends,

Like many of you, we have taken steps to attempt to “flatten the curve” of transmission by increasing social distance in everything that we do. We have urged our more vulnerable family and community members to shelter in place and adopt a self-quarantine behavior set. I have spoken directly with our State Health Inspector to review our practices and procedures and we have been extensively researching this event, with a concentration on learning ways to fulfill our mission while safeguarding our community and our family.

While we realize that providing innovative, affordable and delicious food to the people of The Peninsula may not exactly qualify as a Critical Service, we do feel as if maintaining our ties to community, normalcy and the positive aspects of this life is of paramount importance. To this end, we have made the decision as a family to attempt to make our food available to the community for as long as we are able.

By order of Governor Mills, we have shifted to a dine-out-only service model. We have added the Venmo app as a way of accepting payment for orders, which can be made by calling us at 207.359.2486. We can arrange for staggered pick-up times to enable proper social distancing between customer groups. Alternatively, you may call us from our parking lot, and we will be happy to provide service to your vehicle (no, we will not use roller skates). We will continue to make our outdoor seating available, and will continue with our program of cleaning and thoroughly sanitizing surfaces between customers (we have A LOT of sanitizing solutions in this business!).

Another offering we will be concentrating on is our Frozen Burrito 6-packs. We will produce 6-packs of any of our burritos for your freezer on a special order basis. Burritos freeze and re-heat well, and this is a great way to have our delicious, high-quality locally-produced food on hand for you and your family. Burrito 6-Packs can be picked-up on a scheduled appointment basis, or you can retrieve after hours as needed. We also will arrange delivery of 6- Packs to you if needed.

As we are practicing Social Distancing within our immediate family, we have decided to suspend the employment of our kitchen staff for the immediate future. We feel we will better be able to control separation if we limit our staffing to ourselves. So you'll be seeing our son Jasper helping in the kitchen instead of Longrie or Ella or Julie. We continue to pay all of our employees for their scheduled hours, but mostly we really look forward to having them back!

Nothing in our considerable experience has prepared us for the situation we find ourselves in at this point in time. Each day, we learn new information, we see new actions taken and we hear additional guidance from our leadership. We remain hopeful and optimistic, but are also vigilant and focused on making decisions that will best serve our community, our family and our civilization. Clearly, it is left to us as individuals to best handle this crisis, and we hold out hope that we humans will persevere.

-Michael, Michele and Jasper

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Our summer hours are: Wednesday-Saturday 11am. to 8pm.

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