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Berry Customers,

We hope you're all finding ways to stay safe and healthy. Despite the current situation, people still need to eat, so we're still farming. Finding fresh local food will be more important than ever this year, and personally we're grateful for the chance to do our part. We wanted to update you all on how we're adapting Jacobs Family Berry Farm's operation in response to the virus.

Our first priority is keeping the farm crew healthy. We began our seasonal pruning and caring for the berry plants yesterday. We'll be very careful to maintain a social distance, keeping things sanitized, and monitoring our health. No one will be working sick!

As far as berry sales at the farm goes, we expect to begin harvest and sales early in July. We're hoping things have calmed down by then, but we're preparing for the worst. We'll be ready to offer having a farm staff member pack your purchase for you to avoid anyone entering the berry building. We will get back to you on how best to do this later.

We'll have hand washing stations for staff who will also be wearing gloves. All surfaces in the berry building will be sanitized regularly, and farm staff will use best practices while washing and packing produce from the field. We will ask customers to park and come to the berry building maintaining space between each customer for safety. We are working to get through this together with your help!

We are also offering any customers who are sick or immunocompromised and need to be more isolated that we will have a drive-through option. We can pack your order for you and bring it to your car in the parking area. Once we get closer to berry sales, we can work out a way for people who need this option to contact us ahead of time. It's possible we might need to rely on volunteers to help with distribution, or to deliver berries to people who really can't venture out. We're not at that stage yet, but if any of you are interested in being part of that effort, you'll get a chance to volunteer later in the season.

There will be no u-pick operation or roaming in the berry field this year to assure all berries we offer to our customers are safe.

As always, feel free to get in touch with questions, concerns, ideas!

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