

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)



Farmer's Market Coupons have arrived!

Senior Farmer's Market Coupons will be available for pickup from the Office for the Aging starting Tuesday, July 7, 2020. We will be setting up a table outside the office at 214 West Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Ithaca every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9-12:30pm. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to change our usual ways of distribution and recipients will be required to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

The coupon booklets include five \$4 coupons, a total of \$20. Coupon booklets are given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Recipients must be age 60 or over, have not received coupons from anywhere else, sign for and affirm that they are low-income based on the following criteria:

– Gross monthly income at or below 185% of Federal Poverty Guidelines:

\$1968/month for a one-person household; or

\$2658/month for a two-person household; or

\$3349/month for a three-person household.

Requirements for signatures on the attestation form have been relaxed this year and a POA or Proxy can pick up coupons, sign and attest on a recipient's behalf, with adequate proof.

The coupons can be used at any participating market, with any participating vendor. Participating vendors at the markets will have signs indicating that they accept the coupons. The coupons can only be used to purchase *fresh, local, unprocessed fruits, vegetables and culinary herbs*.

Recipients can have someone else redeem the coupons for them if they cannot travel to a farmer's market themselves.

We are partnering with Foodnet and Cornell Cooperative Extension on distribution, however some of the previous sites are not available this year due to COVID-19. For more information on when and where the coupons will be distributed, or if you are having difficulty accessing our office, call the Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 607-274-5482.