



New Seasons Market's Central Kitchen Facility Will Permanently Close; Staff and Resources to be Retained and Redistributed Throughout the Community

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PORTLAND, Ore. – April 30, 2020 – As we navigate the impacts of the novel coronavirus on our community, we have been forced to acknowledge the significant obstacles posed to our plans to reopen our Central Kitchen production facility. To focus on the critical needs of our community and allocate resources accordingly, New Seasons Market has made the difficult decision to permanently close the Central Kitchen and will not be resuming operations in the facility as planned. Some prepared foods items and house-made bread will be produced in our stores, while all other bakery and deli items that our customers have come to love will be recreated by local vendors.

All Central Kitchen staff have been offered new roles so they will continue to have jobs with New Seasons Market. We have taken great care to notify impacted staff via direct conversations so we can discuss new roles on a case-by-case basis, share our gratitude for their work, and emphasize our hope that they will continue to work in a new permanent position with New Seasons Market.

Our stores are cornerstones of the community, and that role has never been more important than it is right now. We are fortunate to have partnerships with a diverse group of local food producers, restauranteurs and entrepreneurs who can provide an exciting array of products for our customers. We believe that transferring the majority of production of our bakery and prepared foods to our vendor community can have a lasting, positive impact on our local economy, and provide a secure source of revenue in uncertain times.

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About New Seasons Market

New Seasons Market is a friendly neighborhood grocery store that believes great-tasting, local food has the power to build community and enhance lives. From taking care of our staff, partners, neighborhoods and the environment, to growing a sustainable business, we're doing what we love with a commitment to cultivate a strong community centered around food. Founded in 2000 by three families and 50 friends in Portland, OR, we're now a team of over 3,500 passionate staff across 20 stores in Oregon, Washington and Northern California—serving a unique mix of locally sourced and organic items, classic grocery favorites, and chef-made grab and go meal solutions. We're proud of our progressive values—from offering industry-leading compensation and benefits, to committing 10 percent of our after-tax profits to the communities we serve. For more information, visit www.newseasonsmarket.com.

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