Hello Fresh Food Fans,

I am very grateful that the Governor declared farmers' markets "essential services" allowing us to run during the pandemic, but there are certain things I miss this season.



Sometimes I don't recognize a loyal shopper because half of their face is covered by a mask. That's embarrassing. And not being able to offer tastes is tough on vendors whose products may be unfamiliar to consumers. It's a leap of faith to purchase a bottle of hot sauce, marinade or vinegar without trying it first. Trust me. They're all delicious!

I miss the events and promotions we normally run at the info booth. We love offering scavenger hunts (with prizes) and craft activities to keep kids engaged while parents shop. In mid August we typically slice up some unusual tomato varieties such as Striped Germans or Green Zebras and circulate around the market offering samples. Alas. Not this year.

Instead, we encourage you to take home a few tomato varieties you've never tried and run a taste test for your family and friends. Ripe tomatoes rarely disappoint. It's just a matter of whether you like them or love, love, love them.



Hot Sauce fans will be delighted that Captain Mowatt's is back in the mix this week. You can pick up the world's finest hot sauce, Canceaux, or speaking of tomatoes, try their new curry ketchup with sauteed onions and peppers on a burger. So good!

See you Thursday!

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