



Public Plaza Reopens in Downtown Santa Cruz

Where: Corner of Front St. and Cooper St. in Downtown Santa Cruz

Website: santacruzmah.org/abbott-square

Hours: Wednesday through Sunday from 3-9pm

Since its debut in 2017, Abbott Square has been dedicated to genuine hospitality and energizing shared experiences over delicious bites and brews. Bringing the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History's mission of community connection outside the walls, Abbott Square has been a creative hub of downtown Santa Cruz offering live music, art markets, meet-ups, and of course a delicious array of food and drink options.

Currently the only public plaza and food market in downtown Santa Cruz Abbott Square will now reopen post-COVID with safely spaced outdoor dining. Beginning Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020 Abbott Square will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 3-9pm and remains managed by local developer John McEnergy IV.

Returning in this first wave of opening are:

- **Veg on the Edge:** Made to order West African-inspired organic, vegetarian cuisine.
- **Front & Cooper:** Two bars, one experience. Wine, beer, and world-class cocktails.
- **Pizzeria La Bufala:** Authentic Neopolitan-style pizza, pasta, and more.
- **Blue Bunny Tacos:** Artisan tacos made with hand-pressed tortillas.
- **Belly Goat:** Extremely fresh, craft burgers and sides.
- **Roux Dat Cajun Creole:** Bold flavors of New Orleans style Cajun cuisine.
- **Daisuke Sushi:** Fresh sashimi, hand rolls, poke bowls, and bento boxes.

The Abbott Square Market team and the MAH will continue to closely monitor and match all guidelines set forth by the County and State Health Departments to ensure a clean, safe environment for you and our staff.

Summary of current policies and procedures to maintain a safe dining experience:

- Guests can order by calling in or ordering inside.
- Directional signage and entrance is only permitted through Cooper Street.
- Curbside pick-up is available on Front Street by the Museum's main entrance.
- Face coverings must be worn by customers and staff at all times inside the market.
- Must maintain county approved guest & staff capacity inside the building.
- Asking that only one person per party enters to order a meal.
- Hired staff solely responsible to sanitize all high contact areas.
- Note the placards indicating what tables have recently been sanitized.
- New disposable menus and dishware.
- There will be limited public restrooms available.
- Wellness checks of all staff members before each shift, including temperature checks.

At this time, the MAH remains closed under California's phased reopening plan and guidelines set forth by Santa Cruz County but plans to begin limited activation in some of their outdoor sites like Abbott Square and Evergreen Cemetery. When appropriate, interior spaces of the museum will open incrementally, adhering to local, state, and federal guidelines for social distancing and crowd-size limitations. In the meantime, the MAH continues to offer content through its various digital platforms, moving beyond its physical space to adapt and become a museum without walls.

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