



Our dear valued customers,

It is with a heavy heart that I let you know that our doors will be closing today at 5pm until April 7th.

For those of you that know me personally, you will know that this is certainly the last thing I would ever want, but as things stand, it is the right thing to do. There is still so much we do not know about COVID-19 and how it's development might potentially affect us all, therefore one can understand that Governor Pritzker is taking the only moral avenue open to us at this point, and that is to err on the side of caution. Pritzker's 'Stay at Home' COVID-19 order will take effect today at 5pm and remain in place until April 7th. In accordance with this legislation, please be aware that we will be closed to any in-person customer visits, with the exception of curbside pickup and home delivery. This will help support the now global effort to minimize social interactions and thus the spread of Corona.

In an effort to remain sensitive to your needs, we are working fervently to expand our online catalogue (www.pesches.com), thus allowing you to shop from the safety and comfort of your home. We will focus on current items, including soils, composts, fertilizers, summer bulbs and spring lawn care. I do encourage you to call (847-299-1300) with any requests you might have, or for items not yet listed online. We shall further offer a reduced delivery rates on all items excluding floral arrangements (20% discount already reflected in online pricing).

We are now operating on a skeleton crew here at Pesche's, to continue growing and tending to this year's unique and vast plant selection, but we do so whilst taking every precaution to keep our staff safe. Know that when the time is right, God permitting, we will be ready to serve you and hopefully once again exceed your gardening expectations, with another successful spring season.

But at this time, I ask for your understanding in helping us as a nation to hunker down for the greater good of us all. Make use of any extra time at home and get an early start on your spring gardening tasks; i.e. lawn care, seed starting, soil/compost application, garden cleanup, cutting down perennials etc. For those wanting to welcome spring or even dream of summer, see online for pansies, spring bulbs and even newly arrived tropicals (Gardenia, Citrus, Bird of Paradise).

We undoubtedly find ourselves in uncharted territory, that in all the 97 years of being in existence, Pesche's has never witnessed a similar challenge. Let us ensure that when we look back at these times, we will know we did all we could to ensure the safety of not just our loved ones, but also those of others.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Pesche
(Third Generation Owner)