

Experience the Christkindl Market Online beginning Dec. 1

Kitchener's annual 4-day festival and beloved Christkindl Market is expanding to 24-days this year – and it begins this week! The favourite traditional festivities at Kitchener City Hall move to an online format for 2020. The City of Kitchener, the Downtown Kitchener Business Improvement Area (BIA), and the Christkindl Market committee are excited to keep this joyful, award-winning family tradition alive again this year. Relive the sights and sounds from previous years and create new ones in your own home.

How to experience Christkindl Market this year:

At Home With Christkindl Market

For the first time ever, you can enjoy a 24-day online Christkindl Advent calendar. Visit Christkindl.ca to open a new virtual door each day from Dec. 1 to 24.

Behind each door, you'll find daily videos of concerts, performances, stories, traditions, and memories you'll love, along with activities and a German word of the day.

Christkindl-In-A-Box

Enhance your at-home experience and relive the tastes, smells, and traditions of Christkindl with the purchase of Christkindl-In-A-Box. Contents include a Christkindl cloth bag, \$20 Downtown Dollars from Kitchener BIA, a bottle of Glühwein (non-alcoholic, mulled fruit juice), and Oktoberfest Erdinger stein. Seasonal specialties from Sticklings Bakery, Grainharvest Breadhouse, Piller's Fine Foods, and Ritter Sport Chocolate will also be included. Plus, a collectible 2020 tree ornament, souvenir cookie cutter, and fun children's crafts.

Starting Dec. 1, Christkindl-in-a-box will be available for purchase through the Christkindl website. At time of purchase, a pickup reservation can be made for Dec. 5 or 6, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the **Victoria Park Pavilion, Kitchener**. Box contents contain nuts and meat. Contents subject to change. Limited quantities available.

Cost is \$40 (approximate value is \$70).

For ordering and pickup instructions, visit Christkindl.ca.

Christkindl Marketplace

A big part of the Christkindl experience is the shopping! A great way to continue to support the small businesses and vendors who have made the Christkindl Market such a special place is to visit them online. A listing of vendors with online shopping options, along with links to their websites and social media will be available at Christkindl.ca beginning on Dec. 1. You will also be able to download the Downtown Kitchener directory of shops and restaurants brochure, to help you support local businesses.

Enjoy some Christkindl treats, tune in to daily concerts, and get your holiday shopping done, all from home!