

These guidelines are based on current information we have on the COVID-19 virus, and are subject to change at any time. There is always a possibility that conditions or local mandates could change and we will have to adjust policies or close the gardens. Please make sure you are subscribed to your garden's email list-serv to stay up to date on developments.

Physical Distancing

- Limit time in the garden to only the most necessary activities.
- Stay home if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, including shortness of breath, new or worsening cough, sore throat, fever, muscle soreness, or loss of taste or smell.
- If you have had close contact (within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with COVID-19, please stay away from the garden for at least 14 days.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others at all times.
- Gatherings, work parties, etc. are not permitted without approval and in-person supervision by WCG staff.
- During the pandemic, gardeners are not required to attend meetings in person.
- To facilitate physical distancing, gardens may be limited in the number of people allowed to visit at a time, with the exception of staff doing maintenance, and gardeners without reliable internet access who have received an exemption from WCG.

Hand Hygiene

- Cover coughs and sneezes – use a tissue or your sleeve – not your hand.
- Wash hands with soap and water before and after touching shared surfaces such as locks, tools and handles. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Masks

- Anyone who is not fully vaccinated is required to wear a mask at all times in the garden.
- Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear a mask (honor system).
- Anyone who is more comfortable wearing a mask may continue to do so.
- Masks must completely cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly.
- Masks are NOT required for children under 3 years old.
- If you are unable to wear a face mask due to a physical condition, you may request accommodation by contacting your Garden Program Manager or the Garden Program Director and providing a doctor's note. At WCG's discretion, WCG may make a reasonable accommodation.
- The state of Utah provides guidance on mask selection and usage here: <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/mask/>
- If you do not have a mask to wear, please contact WCG staff, so a mask can be provided.

Shared Surfaces

- When you are at the garden, always assume that shared surfaces you touch may be contaminated.
- Do not leave personal items in the garden.
- WCG may close sheds to gardener use at any time.

Community

There is much we can do to stay connected and help each other through this time:

- Stay connected through the garden list-serv and reach out to your Garden Manager with any questions or concerns.
- Reach out to other gardeners who may need assistance, when you can, to offer help.
- Grow extra produce to donate if you can.
- If you need to stay home at any time due to health concerns or exposure to COVID-19, please do, and ask for help with your garden plot when needed. Let your Garden Manager know if there is someone who will be regularly helping with your plot.

