



COMMUNITY GARDEN USE & EVENTS DURING COVID-19

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As we enter into the 2021 Growing Season, NGT continues to prioritize health and safety at community gardens with regard to the COVID-19 epidemic. NGT continues to monitor the situation and is following the recommendations made by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#) and the [City of Philadelphia](#). We encourage you to stay up to date through these websites, as well.

We are asking all NGT community gardeners to continue to prioritize caution when visiting an NGT Garden and **to follow all guidelines and have them posted in your garden.**

Gardening Guidelines

- Wearing a mask in the garden is recommended.
 - Mask wearing is optional for gardeners or visitors who are fully vaccinated (at least two weeks after their second dose of two-dose vaccine or two weeks after receiving a Johnson & Johnson vaccine).
- **Please continue to respect social distancing while at the gardens.** Stagger visits to the garden or set-up a schedule to keep numbers low and to maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet, (ideally 8-12 feet) from others at all times. We recommend setting a garden capacity that makes sense for your garden to maintain adequate social distance.
- If you do not feel well, stay at home. Stay home if you have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 14 days.
- Have hand sanitizer and soap readily available in the garden.
- Thoroughly wash all produce you harvest from the garden.
- Take measures to sanitize and disinfect all frequently touched spots such as locks, gates, water spigots, hoses, latches, knobs on sheds, shared tools, and workspaces, etc.

Event, Meeting & Workday Guidelines

- Social gatherings, meetings and workdays may take place at the garden's discretion with a maximum attendance of 25 people. Garden leaders should use their discretion about the number of people their garden can safely accommodate to allow for proper social distancing, especially at smaller gardens. Please consider the square footage of where gathering can take place, as opposed to the total size of the garden.
- We highly recommend using Zoom or conference calls for any gardener meetings.
- Ensure workday projects will not require participants to be in close proximity to be completed.
- Advise attendees to stay home if they are feeling sick. Communicate expectations to participants around distancing and wearing masks in advance. Remind guests as needed during the event.
- If your garden would like to hold an event with more than 25 people, please reach out to Jennifer Greenberg, Executive Director – jgreenberg@pennhort.org.