COVID-19 Guidelines for Safe Community Gardening

General Notes and Guidelines

a) The virus can live up to two days outside of its animal host body. Current research suggests the COVID-19 virus can live for up to two days on various surfaces. Possibly longer, possibly less, depending on the actual surface material. We do not know exactly how long it can live, but this is a good parameter to use when making assumptions about what we can and can’t touch.
b) Soap, alcohol (60%) and bleach are the best agents to kill the virus. Soap is VERY effective.
a) Consider carrying a ziplock bag with very soapy water and a washcloth inside it with you at all times. Makes hand washing easy anywhere you are. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds (sing happy birthday to you!)
c) Gloves do not replace proper sanitation procedures. The outside of your glove can transmit diseases from one surface to another, including transmitting the disease to yourself and others.
d) Bring sanitizing wipes and be prepared to wipe anything down that you touch that someone else might also touch

e) Do not assume anyone else has followed these guidelines.
f) Be proactive, bring your own sanitizing wipes and use them.

Tools

a. Remove all ‘community’ shared tools for the time being
b. Gardeners need to bring and use their own tools
c. Gardeners need to take their tools home when they are done for the day
d. No tools should be left in the garden
b) Bring sanitizing wipes and wipe any tools on site before and after use.
a. Bring sanitizing wipes and wipe down what you touch, before and after use, including: Hoses, Carts/wheelbarrows, Hand tools, Storage shed doors, Storage bins/lids

Social Distancing and other Procedures

a. Maintain at least six feet between yourself and other gardeners
b. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue that fully and tightly covers your mouth
c. If using your sleeve, remember that it is now carrying whatever came out of your mouth or nose, including germs. Assume those germs are alive and can live for up to two days. Take care bringing that sleeve into contact with anyone or anything that someone might touch afterwards
b) Dispose of the tissue immediately in a trash bin or in a bag you bring for this purpose
c) If you are not feeling well STAY HOME.
d) Stay in touch (pun not intended) with your fellow community gardeners and garden committee/organizers.

Spring is here!