



Lehigh Community Garden COVID-19 Expectations

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At a time when we need our community connections more than ever (from 6 feet away!), we are pleased to say that the garden is open for business for the 2020 gardening season. Our garden will help sustain us with fresh produce, fresh air, and community during difficult times. And there's nothing like digging in the dirt to brighten your mind and get your body moving.

Lehigh has agreed to keep the Lehigh Community Garden open to gardeners on the condition that we follow a number of safety practices to protect against COVID-19. As a source of food, peace of mind, and social connectedness, the Lehigh Community Garden is valuable to our health. Our continued access to the garden depends on each of us following these expectations.

In order to help us keep this garden and all our gardeners safe, we ask that you be proactive and follow these guidelines...don't assume that anyone else has followed these guidelines:

1. Stay a minimum of 6 feet from your fellow gardeners.
2. Wear gloves, especially when using shared tools and (for those authorized) the pump. Please note that gloves do not replace proper hand sanitation procedures. As the CDC notes, "It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes."¹
3. Use the spray disinfectant kept outside the shed to clean the tool handles and lock.
4. For the pump (for those authorized), bring sanitizing wipes and wipe down what you touch. Thoroughly wipe down the handle BEFORE AND AFTER USE.
5. The compost bins with lids are for the compost committee to use for finishing compost. Please do not handle the compost bin lid(s). The compost committee members will handle the lids with precautions consistent with COVID-19 protocols.
6. Leave the shed door open for a time after using the shed, to allow it to air out, and one gardener in the shed at a time.
7. Follow the general [CDC recommendations](#):
 - o **Stay home when you are sick (that includes the garden!).**
 - o Wear a mask and keep it on
 - o Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html>.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue. Dispose of the tissue immediately and remember the virus can live on your sleeve and be transmitted to others that way.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water from our water bins. If water is not available, please wash your hands at home and use hand sanitizer in the garden.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Now go get your hands in the dirt!

Happy Gardening,

The LCG Steering Committee

