**KBIC/NRD COVID-19 Guidelines for Safe Community Gardening**

***Best practices***

**Please stay home if not feeling well**. [Symptoms of COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) include: high fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, chills, shaking with chills, and sudden loss of taste or smell. Seek medical attention of you are exhibiting symptoms.

CDC **recommends wearing face coverings** in public settings. Please consider wearing a face covering for added protection in the garden.

Maintain a **6-foot social distance** between people. All workshops have been postponed while social distancing orders have been in place. **Limit of 10 people** at a time in garden area.

Consider wearing **disposable gloves** to avoid picking up germs from gates, watering troughs, etc.

Bring your **own tools** from home and do not share tools or leave personal items in garden area.

***Cleaning and Disinfecting***

Handwashing station available. If possible please wash and/or use hand sanitizer before entering and exiting the garden area. Wash hands frequently.

Disinfection of surfaces on a regular basis. Picnic table, handwashing station, trash receptacle lid, gate latch and water troughs. Use this list for products that meets EPA’s criteria: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

***Plan ahead***

Limit access to the garden.

Mulch now to prevent weeds and reduce soil moisture loss.

Use row covers for weeding when feasible.

Stay ahead of seasonal tasks.

***Harvesting***

While [food](https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/newsletter/food-safety-and-Coronavirus.html)has not been identified as a direct source of transmission for SARS-CoV-2, it is important to follow best practices for hygiene and food safety during harvesting of food.

***Stay engaged***

Use Email or DIG’s FB group, to share Tips and Strategies and share photos, stories and recipes.

**For more resources please visit:** <https://www.wupfoodsystems.com/covid19-resources>

**Updates and resources:** on COVID -19 virus visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

 <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/>

 <https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/>