

# Community and Allotment Gardens



- ✓ Be aware of the most current, credible public health information/recommendations, and communicate these to your members and the public. For further details refer to [Ontario Regulation 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step](#).
- ✓ Consider developing a safety plan, outlining how to protect members and the public against COVID-19 within the facility. For more details visit the Durham Region Health Department's [Safety Plan Template](#), [COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan Checklist](#) and the Province's [Develop Your COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan](#).



Consider posting signs at all entrances directing those who are ill to not enter. Advise members and the public to stay home if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in **close contact** with anyone who has been sick with the virus.



Encourage members to bring their own garden equipment and gloves. Re-useable gloves and garden equipment should not be shared between members.



Members of the garden should wash their hands before and after harvesting, eating, changing gloves, or when visibly soiled. Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds where possible or use hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly soiled. Post handwashing posters at the stations.



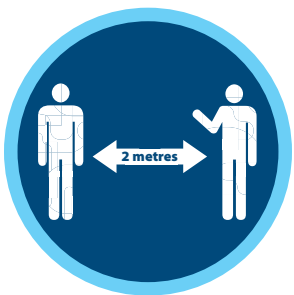
Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces as frequent as necessary. Encourage cleaning and disinfecting of high touch areas at least once a day and when visibly dirty. Use only disinfectants that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN) approved by **Health Canada**. Follow the manufacturer's instruction regarding contact time.



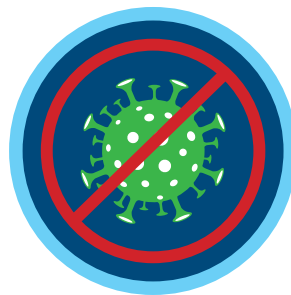
Consider having properly stocked hand sanitizer stations or hand washing basins available at the entrance and throughout the facility for everyone to clean and sanitize their hands.



Consider developing and communicating the organization's plan for protecting the members against COVID-19 during the operation of the garden. E.g. procedures for hand washing when harvesting, masking when interacting with others, and contactless deliveries.



Consider physical distancing whenever possible. For example, adding signage or markers to promote physical distancing.



Consider implementing passive screening for all individuals entering the premises. For detailed guidance on screening, visit the Ministry of Health's [Ontario COVID-19 Screenings](#).



Encourage mask use for indoor public spaces. Masks are still required for select indoor settings including public transit, health care settings, long-term care homes, retirement homes, congregate living settings, etc., subjected to limited exemptions.



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If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

\*Pursuant to the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 and its applicable Regulations, individuals who do not comply with the above noted requirements may be liable for a fine up to a maximum of \$100,000 or in the case of a corporation, not more than \$10,000,000 for each day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

