



Friends of Tucson's Birthplace Mission Garden

Like public parks, Mission Garden remains open to the public during the COVID-19 crisis. We are taking the following steps to protect visitors, volunteers, and staff:

1. Requiring all staff, volunteers, and visitors to wear masks.
2. Prohibiting use of the kitchen and all food preparation/serving/sharing, including the tastes of items growing in the garden during tours ("tasting history" experiences)..
3. Cleaning and disinfecting restrooms regularly and asking that only one person enter at a time.
4. Encouraging hand washing as often as possible, including at new three new hand-washing stations located in the garden.
5. Organizing volunteer work so that volunteers don't congregate in one place, especially indoors.
6. Classes and other activities are online or limited to groups of 10 or less and held outdoors where virus transmission is unlikely and where participants can maintain more than 6 feet physical distance.
7. Sanitizing doorknobs, common areas, fixtures, and any other places that might get touched.
8. Signs have been posted on the gates and at the volunteer check-in area of the Education Building reminding people of health recommendations.
8. Meetings involving garden board members, staff and volunteers are being held online.
9. We are in frequent communication with Pima County Health Department and will adhere to any applicable recommendations or requirements that are issued.
10. Asking all staff, volunteers, and visitors to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people, not to gather indoors in the volunteer area of the Education Building, wash hands often, use hand sanitizer the garden makes available, and to sneeze and cough into tissues or into your elbow and wash your hands afterward.
11. If you have traveled to COVID-19 hotspots, are experiencing fever, cough or shortness of breath, or have been around anyone with these symptoms, please wait at least 14 days past the resolution of those symptoms before coming to the garden.
12. Take all precautions suggested by the Pima County Health Department. Health Department COVID-19 guidelines and other information are available at https://webcms.pima.gov/government/health_department/.