

York Region Public Health Requirements	City's Action
Entrance Restrictions or Requirements	
<p>Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 or close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should not be allowed in the garden area. These individuals should be self-isolating at home for 14 days since the start of their symptoms or last contact with a case of COVID-19.</p>	<p>All gardeners must sign an updated License Agreement (Appendix 1a and 1b) and Waiver of Liability (Appendix 3) that includes language to this is effect. Only registered gardeners who have submitted the paperwork will be allowed in the garden.</p>
<p>Allow access to registered members, staff and volunteers only; non-members and visitors should not be permitted to enter</p>	<p>Signage regarding sign and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if someone has those symptoms will be posted at all open community gardens.</p>
<p>Access to the garden is for planting, maintaining and harvesting only.</p>	<p>Garden Coordinator or City staff will meet with gardeners to sign paperwork and tell gardeners the new rules under COVID-19.</p>
<p>Events of any kind are not permitted, such as flower festivals, children's events and other programming, training or group builds</p>	<p>A Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix 2 and 4) between the City and Garden Coordinators outlines that events are not permitted.</p>
Physical Distancing Requirements	
<p>Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from other people at all times, except for members of the same household</p>	<p>Signage will be installed in all open gardens to remind gardeners about physical distancing, and what it looks like. Gardeners are encouraged to use masks/face coverings while at the garden This language is included in License Agreement.</p>
<p>Limit the number of gardeners in a space to ensure physical distancing can be maintained. Gardeners may need to take turns or garden at scheduled times to ensure physical distancing is maintained. Use of masks or face</p>	<p>Gardeners must sign-in and sign-out of the garden. Garden Coordinators or City staff will track how many gardeners are coming and going, and when.</p> <p>Gardeners will be scheduled if there is a need, to encourage physical distancing.</p>

coverings is not a substitute for proper physical distancing	
Hand Hygiene Requirements	
Ensure adequate hand hygiene	Hand sanitizer stations will be installed at the entry point to all open gardens. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes and/or spray will be available in the storage box or shed at the garden. Signage indicating proper hand sanitizing technique will be posted adjacent to the stations.
If hands are visibly soiled, handwashing must occur with soap and water. Where possible, provide handwashing stations in the gardens.	
If not available, hands must be wiped clean with a moist towelette before applying alcohol-based hand sanitizer.	
Perform hand hygiene before entering and upon leaving the garden.	
Sharing Equipment/Tools and Cleaning Requirements	
If sharing equipment or tools, handles should be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use. Use soap and water to clean first, then use an over-the-counter disinfectant. Anyone using gardening gloves should launder them after each use. Do not share gloves.	Gardeners are encouraged to bring their own tools and gardening gloves, and they are advised to not share. This language is included in the License Agreement.
Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces with over the counter disinfectant after each use. These may include hose attachments, door/gate handles and tools.	Sanitizing spray and/or wipes will be readily available to clean frequently touched surfaces such as handles and water taps. Gardeners must disinfect all frequently touched surfaces. This language is included in the License Agreement. Growing to Give & Hope Garden: In addition to the above, Garden Coordinators will be at the garden regularly to disinfect frequently touched surfaces (3 to 5 times per week). Sugarbush Garden: In addition to the above, York Region Food Network or a City staff member will be at the garden once daily between Monday – Friday to disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Signage Requirements	
Place clear, easy-to-read signs at all garden entrances reminding registered members, staff and volunteers about the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if they have any symptoms:	Laminated signs will be posted throughout the garden. Gardeners will receive this information via email as well.