



## Plot-it-Fresh Community Garden Program COVID-19 Protocol

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Hello Gardeners,

I hope you are all safe and healthy during this time. I wanted to give you an update on Plot it Fresh. We plan to open next week, on Monday, April 6th unless new state or local restrictions prevent us. Accessing food is considered an essential service and we see more than ever the importance of local food security. We will be enforcing strict rules to meet health recommendations. Your compliance is necessary and we will determine our next steps based on day-to-day circumstances.

We have adapted the Plot it Fresh program because of the potential for COVID-19 (coronavirus) to be transmitted from close person-to-person contact. If you would like more information about COVID-19 (coronavirus), please click on the following links: [World Health Organization](#), [CDC](#), and [the State of New Jersey](#).

### **New Plot it Fresh Rules:**

#### **General Access**

- If you feel sick (even mild symptoms) do not come to the garden.
- If you have been in close contact with an infected person do not come to the garden.
- Elderly and immune-compromised people are discouraged from gardening at this time.
- No children are allowed into the garden at this time.

#### **Plot Access By Appointment ONLY**

- Gardeners must make appointments with Sophie to tend to their plot. Appointments will be in 1-hour chunks of time.
- No more than 5 gardeners will be permitted in the garden at the same time.
- Gardeners will check in with staff when they arrive and display their garden ID.
- Only people who have registered for plot/plots will be allowed on the farm.

#### **Social distance and Sanitation**

- Gardeners will sanitize their hands upon entering the garden.

- Per [CDC recommendation](#) all gardeners must wear cloth masks or face covering at the garden.
- Gardeners (and staff) must stay six feet apart at all times.

### **Garden Practices**

- Gardeners must wear gloves. Work gloves over plastic is best. You must bring your own and TAKE ANY WASTE WHEN YOU GO.
- Shared tools will not be available at this time.

### **General Plot-it-Fresh Rules**

- The two-week attendance policy will not be in effect until standard garden operations start up again.
- You can only tend to/plant beds that are in your name.
- You are only allowed in the Plot it Fresh area of the farm.
- **All procedures are subject to change based on city and state recommendations.**

It is imperative that everyone who chooses to garden follows these rules for their own health and for the sake of others. Individuals who fail to follow the rules will be asked to leave immediately and may be denied future access.

I also would like to remind you to please stay up to date about the outbreak. For more information about COVID-19 (coronavirus), please click on the following links: [World Health Organization](#), [CDC](#), and [the State of New Jersey](#).

We at the Conservancy know how important it is to stop the spread of the virus. We also believe in the importance of community members growing their own healthy food. Please make the decision that is best for you and your family during this unusual time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.