

Supplemental Dowling Community Garden Rules for 2020

The following supplemental rules for 2020 have been adopted to address issues related to the Covid-19 pandemic:

- Any gardener who is experiencing flu-like symptoms (coughing, fever, breathing problems, etc.) may not enter the Garden area and should consider self-isolation/quarantine per government recommendations. Persons who have lived with or had close contact with anyone diagnosed with Covid-19 are also banned from the Garden and should consider self-isolation/quarantine.
- All gardeners must maintain a minimum 6-foot social distance from all other persons in the Garden. **Greater distance is better.** This rule does not apply to family members or others with whom they reside together.
- When meeting anyone on a path, step into an intersecting path to maintain social distance.
- Gardeners should consider designating another individual to serve as a backup gardener should they become ill. This person should not be a member of the same household.
- Gardeners are discouraged from bringing children to the Garden. If children must accompany parents, parents must be vigilant to see that their children maintain social distance from all others.
- No food can be brought or consumed in the Garden. No picnics this year!
- All gardeners are encouraged to use their own tools, including watering cans, to the extent possible.
- All gardeners are encouraged to wear gloves at all times. Gloves should be sanitized between garden visits.
- Only one person may be inside the shed at any one time. Gardeners waiting for shed access must remain at least 6 feet from the shed door and each other.
- Gardeners using shared tools must disinfect the tools using disinfectant wipes before and after using the tools. Gardeners should also disinfect the shed door and hose box where they have touched them. This includes parts of shared hoses that have been touched and sprinklers, bayonets and nozzles.
- Task coordinators may adopt policies to assure that team members adhere to the above rules by specifying tasks to be performed by sufficient separation in space and/or time.

The above measures have been taken after members of the DCG Steering Committee received communications from several other community gardens and some members participated in a nation-wide webinar on the topic attended by over 700 managers and board members of community gardens. These rules may be amended and added to as the need arises. A separate set of rules governing food donations and food shelf deliveries will be prepared in consultation with several food shelves.