



Reopening Protocol for Visitor Symptom Monitoring Issued 6.22.2020

The University adopted this protocol to be in full compliance with current state and local orders and consistent with existing federal and state guidance. The Provost's Office may issue updated protocols, which become effective upon adoption, to comply with changes in state and local orders, to be consistent with new federal and state guidance, or to adapt to changing conditions on campus. Please watch for updates to these protocols and regularly check the DU COVID-19 [website](#) for news and other important information.

University of Denver COVID-19 Bridge Garden Protocol While Under "Safer at Home and in the Great, Vast Outdoors"

In order to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 and promote safety in our garden and for our gardeners, you must carefully follow these procedures while in the garden. We developed these procedures based on the University of Denver's (DU) phased re-opening plan and protocols and the Denver Urban Gardens Network's guidelines and resources. Please also pay attention to e-mail announcements and posted signage for updates to these procedures.

THESE PROCEDURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON UPDATED UNIVERSITY PROTOCOLS, STATE AND LOCAL ORDERS, OR FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Currently, the University of Denver is in Phase II of V of its [Phased Campus Access & Support Plan](#) for increasing access to campus subject to [specified protocols](#). We will alert you when DU changes the phase or its protocols and of any resulting changes to these procedures. DU considers all community gardeners to be visitors to campus and subject to the applicable protocols.

About COVID-19

For general information about COVID-19, please consult with these resources from the federal [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and the [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment \(CDPHE\)](#).

DU BRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDEN COVID-19 PROCEDURES

1. MOST IMPORTANT: IF YOU FEEL AT ALL SICK or have been exposed to COVID-19, STAY HOME. DU will not permit you to come to campus. Send a friend or fellow gardener to care for your plot if needed. You can email the gardens-du@du.edu listserv if you don't have someone to help. This is essential to protect everyone's health and to allow continued access to the garden.

2. YOU MUST FILL OUT DU'S VISITOR SYMPTOM MONITORING SURVEY BEFORE EACH GARDEN VISIT & RECORD YOUR VISIT IN THE SHARED GOOGLE SPREAD SHEET. Before you can come to the University of Denver campus, including the garden, you must fill out the Visitor Symptom Monitoring Survey and receive approval to come to campus. **You must fill out this survey each day you plan to come to the garden.** In addition, you must log your visit in the shared google spread sheet, including the date and times of arrival and departure (we will not ask for any other personal information in this spreadsheet). We will share the links to the survey and the spreadsheet with your plot assignment. Please review the [Visitor Symptom Monitoring Protocol](#) to understand what is required of visitors.

3. WASH YOUR HANDS. You must wash your hands BEFORE and AFTER you visit the garden. We will also have handwashing buckets with liquid soap next to the water faucets, gates, and shed door for you to use. As noted in the [CDC guidance](#), you should wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. We will not provide paper towels at the garden, so air drying or bringing your own towel is best. If you have sanitizing wipes, you can also bring them with you.

4. WEAR FACE COVERINGS AND GLOVES. You must wear a cloth face covering or face mask while you are on the DU campus, which includes while you are in the garden. We strongly recommend that you also wear gloves while in the garden, but wearing gloves is not as a substitute for proper hygiene. The outside of your gloves can transmit diseases from one surface to another just as easily as your hands, including transmitting the disease to yourself and others. Please wear gloves when touching and sanitizing shared surfaces. Please review the [Social Distancing and Personal Protective Equipment Protocol](#) to understand what is required.

5. SOCIAL DISTANCING IS REQUIRED. You must stay **AT LEAST 6 FEET** away from others while on the DU campus, which includes while you are in the garden. You certainly can communicate and wave to others, but keep your distance. **WE ARE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF GARDENERS IN THE GARDEN AT ONE TIME TO FIVE (5) PEOPLE. IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 5 GARDENERS ONSITE, YOU MUST WAIT UNTIL SOMEONE LEAVES THE GARDEN TO ENTER.** If you can see 5 people in the garden, you must wait in your car or off site until someone leaves, or you must return later. If there are fewer than 5 people in the garden, but there is a gardener working in the plot next to yours, spend some time helping in the community areas and do not go to your plot until the other gardener is finished working in the adjacent plot. The garden shed will remain closed for this season. Please review the [Social Distancing and Personal Protective Equipment Protocol](#) to understand what is required

6. KEEP GATE HANDLES and WATER FAUCETS CLEAN. Please also wash down the gate handles and water faucets after opening and closing. We have opened the gates for the season to avoid needing to contact those surfaces. You can use buckets and liquid soap to make soapy water or use the sanitizing spray bottles stationed near the water faucets in the garden. Please review the [Disinfection & Cleaning Protocol](#) to understand what is required.

7. BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS. To avoid spread of the virus, we strongly recommend that you bring tools from home if you can and only share them with people in your household. If you do not have your own tools, we plan to check out sets of our tools to gardeners for the season. You can send an email to gardensdu@gmail.com to request a set of tools.

8. PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DOGS in to the garden this year. Under normal conditions, we all really love our dogs, but they complicate social distancing and we don't need any other complications this summer 😊

Please contact the gardens-du@du.edu listserv, or email gardensdu@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns.