



**Ignatius Jesuit Centre**  
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# COMMUNITY GARDENS COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Community garden access for all is dependant on everyone following the [COVID-19 Guidance for Community Gardens provided by Public Health](#). Read those guidelines in full and follow the protocols below. You will receive your plot assignment after Ignatius Farm receives your signed agreement.

## Restricted Entry

Gardens are to be used for essential food production and not social gatherings.

Only **registered** gardeners who have read and signed the agreement to abide by these COVID-19 safety protocols may enter the community garden fields. AND

- Have **no** symptoms of illness\* AND
- Have **not** travelled outside Canada in the past 14 days AND
- Have **not** been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19

Gardeners who do not follow the guidelines will lose garden access.

\*If you are ill, assess your symptoms at [covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment)

## Physical distancing

Keep 6 feet away from anyone not in your household.

If gardeners in immediately adjacent plots show up at the same time and can't keep 6' apart:

- Gardeners with odd numbered plots have priority access on odd-numbered days
- Gardeners with even numbered plots have priority access on even-numbered days

## Sanitation

Wash your hands before coming to the garden and when you go home. At the garden, use the newly installed cold-water handwashing stations before and after touching common surfaces.

Bring your own hand sanitizer with you; wipe your hands clean before sanitizing.

Sanitize surfaces that you touch before and after use. Use 2% bleach solution or 5% hydrogen peroxide or 70% alcohol: Spritz and air dry, or wipe with saturated cloth. Bring your own if you have it.

Handwashing stations are located near the main waterline valve for each field (see maps). Sanitizing solution spritzers are located at the handwashing stations.



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Water valves are a common touch surface used by everyone. To access water:

1. Wash your hands
2. Turn on the main valve for your field and sanitize it
3. Sanitize and turn on the valve closest to your plot
4. Fill the barrel and use your watering can to do your watering
5. Turn off the valve closest to your plot and sanitize it
6. Turn off the main valve and sanitize it
7. Wash your hands

### Portable Toilets

Every user must sanitize all touch points after every use.

### Tools & Equipment

Bring your own tools, watering cans etc...

The Community Gardens Shed is locked and access is restricted to trained waterline volunteers and IJC staff.

Some gardeners have relied on the donated shared tools in the community gardens shed in the past. If you have tools that you can donate to another gardener who needs them, put a note on the Community Gardens Information board with your contact information on it.

**I have read and agree to follow the Ignatius Farm Community Gardens Covid-19 Protocols and the [COVID-19 Guidance for Community Gardens provided by Public Health](#).**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*The above is responsible for assuring that every person working in their plot understands and follows the protocols.

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OFFICE ONLY:

Plot Assignment \_\_\_\_\_ Sent By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_