

Public Gardens – Resources in a Time of Crisis

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Spring in the Garden means many things; the soil is warming, the first sprouts of green are popping. Staff, seasonal staff and volunteers are anxious to return to their gardening tasks. Our members and guests are looking forward to visiting and experiencing the daffodils, forsythia and other first blooms of Spring. The greening of our Gardens continues and provides us a sense of stability and continuity in the midst of COVID-19 and the uncertainties that we are facing. While we are not able to visit in person we are appreciative of the creative ways you are reminding us to stay connected on line; sharing the images and outdoor projects that remind us Spring has come, as it always will. The resiliency of public gardens is more important than ever; we are here to help.

The CDC is a continual source of up to date information on COVID-19 along with your state and local government and health services. We have assembled a list of links to most sought after information for you, your family and your staff as we all face new challenges to stay physically and corporately healthy.

CDC Frequently Asked Questions

Information for you and your family

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Ffaq.html

What to Do If You Are Sick

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

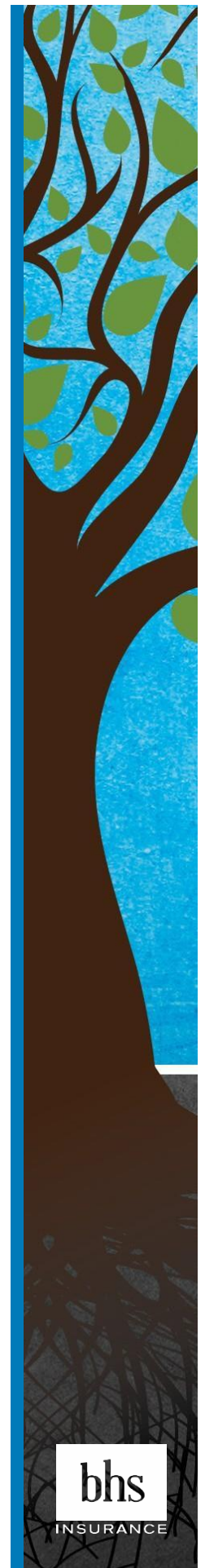
State Health Departments Contact Information

It is important to work with your State and Local County Health & Human Services Departments. They should be part of your support & response plan.

<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html>

Protecting Workers During a Pandemic

Be sure you have a 6 ft. safe distance in all work environments. Use masks and where appropriate Plexiglas shields. Increase ventilation and clean and disinfect surfaces frequently.



<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3747.pdf>

Enhanced Cleaning & Disinfecting Guidelines After Someone is Suspected/Confirmed to Have COVID-19

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

EPA Suggested Cleaning Supplies & Provider Websites

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

Preparing the Workplace/Returning Staff to Work

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

You can also create your own checklist by asking employees the following suggested questions before returning to work. Have you or anyone in your household had these symptoms:

- Confirm No Fever for at least 72 hours. (Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher)
- Experienced Sore throat/ runny or stuffy nose
- New or Worsening Cough
- New shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or sense of smell
- Have you traveled via airplane internationally or domestically in the past 14 days
- Have you had close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID 19

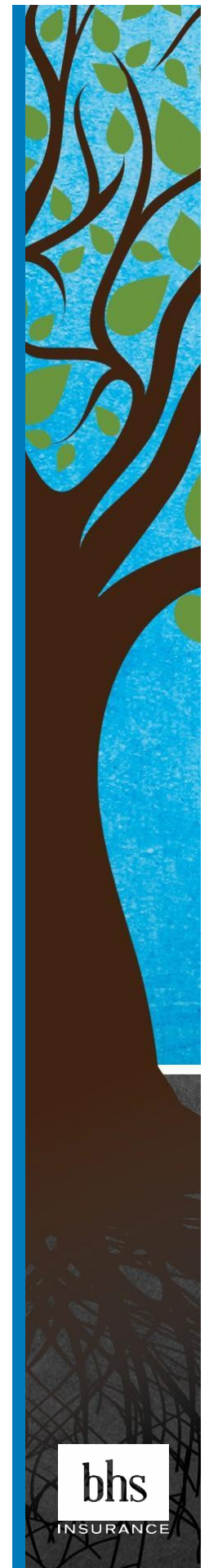
If YES to any, restrict them from entering the building. They must be symptom free for at least 7 days per CDC.

You can also request that the employee provide a medical certification to be released to work if they have had symptoms.

Occupational Health Clinic Providers

Some clinics are offering on-site temperature check services or you can purchase your own. It is important to follow the thermometer manufacturer's instruction guide to ensure accuracy of the scan.

<https://www.amazon.com/Non-Contact-Infrared-Temperature-Surface-Measurement/dp/B07S6B9C68>



CDC Print Resources for Posting Notices to Staff

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

Sample Notification That Can Be Used to Advise Staff Should You Have a Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in the Workplace.

We recently discovered that one of our employees has tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Your safety is our primary concern at all times, and this email continues our commitment to that goal.

We will continue to follow our workplace policies, which include proper disinfection and transparency with our employees. There is currently no reason to assume you are infected simply because this individual contracted COVID-19, but we understand your desire to be apprised to the situation. Please review these COVID-19 symptoms and monitor your health:

- Fever defined as a temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Sore throat/ runny or stuffy nose
- New or Worsening Cough
- New shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or sense of smell

Please continue to follow all workplace guidelines and speak with your manager with any questions or concerns related to this situation. We appreciate all your hard work and resilience during this uncertain period.

Additional Sample Policies and Postings

<https://www.thinkhr.com/covid19/>

In the midst of Spring, the BHS Public Gardens team is here to assist you as you continue to respond to COVID-19. We are available to answer questions and provide additional resources, please contact us at 800-350-7676.

