

## **COVID SAFE PROTOCOL**

Due to the current AHS restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to note the following:

1. All participating gardeners will be required to comply with Alberta Health Services (AHS) public health orders for isolation if you are symptomatic, travelled, or have tested positive for COVID-19. These public health orders apply to all public areas, including community gardens.

2. We will be required to follow current AHS guidelines for physical distancing: maximum 15 people in the garden and a minimum 2 metre distance between individuals at all times. If individuals find that the garden is at capacity, they are expected to abstain from entering the space until enough people leave to respect the limit. If the need arises, we may need to look at creating a schedule for gardeners to ensure proper distancing can occur.

3. Gardeners are required to wash their hands before entering and after leaving the garden site.

4. As in years' past, all gardeners must bring their own tools/equipment, gardening gloves and disinfecting products and must take these items with them when they leave.

5. Only service animals can be permitted on site: animals must be leashed, wearing service vest/identification and not in direct contact with edibles. It is recommended to wash hands before and after interacting with pets.

6. We encourage community caring and ask that participating gardeners consider growing a row for the Vegreville Food Bank.