Like public parks, Mission Garden remains open to the public during the COVID-19 crisis. The garden is beautiful, and we hope you will continue to visit. However, all events and group activities have been canceled, and we are taking aggressive steps to protect visitors, volunteers and staff from COVID-19.

**Mission Garden is taking the following actions:**

1. Canceling all events and other group activities until further notice.
2. Prohibiting use of the kitchen and all food preparation/serving/sharing.
3. Encouraging hand washing as often as possible.
4. Moving the volunteer sign-in area to the porch of the Education Building so that you don’t have to congregate indoors to sign in.
5. Sanitizing doorknobs, common areas, bathroom fixtures, and any other places that might get touched.
6. Signs have been posted on the gates and at the volunteer check-in area of the Education Building reminding people of health recommendations.
7. Meetings involving garden board members, staff and volunteers are often being held either online or outdoors with participants widely spaced.
8. We are not sharing food of any kind, including the tastes of items growing in the garden during tours (“tasting history” experiences).
9. We are also in frequent communication with Pima County Health Department and will adhere to any applicable recommendations or requirements that are issued.

**We ask everyone who is in the garden to follow these guidelines:**

1. Do not prepare or share any food while in the garden. You may bring your own food for yourself and use the microwave in the Ed. Bldg.
2. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. Do not gather indoors in the volunteer area of the Education Building.
3. Wash your hands often. There are three temporary hand-washing stations in the garden, along with sinks in the restrooms, outside the kitchen, and the utility sink in the Education Building.
4. Use the hand sanitizer that is in the porch of the Education Building.
5. Sneeze and cough into tissues or into your elbow and wash your hands afterward.
6. If you have ANY symptoms of illness, please stay home.
7. Take all precautions suggested by the Pima County Health Department. Health Department COVID-19 guidelines and other information are available here.