In order to provide safe and quality classes and programs, the below protocol will be applied to all classes and programs offered by the Missouri Botanical Garden.

**Registration**

Upon registration you will receive a COVID-19 waiver to agree to in order to complete your registration. Upon receiving your confirmation, you will be given a list of health questions to ask yourself and anyone in your party prior to coming to Garden class. If you answer yes to any of the questions and/or have a temperature of 100.4 F or higher please call the Garden registrar at 314-577-9506 to receive a full refund on your class.

A participant with any symptoms associated with COVID-19 or experiencing a temperature of 100.4 F shall not enter the building. Anyone experiencing symptoms while on site will be asked to leave the property.

**Prior to Class**

Upon arrival, an MBG Instructor will facilitate check in, confirm you answered no to all health questions and understand the Covid-19 waiver.

**Personal Protection Equipment**

All staff and class participants will follow current Garden safety protocols, in accordance with CDC and St Louis City guidelines. For outdoor classes masks are recommended for those who are unvaccinated. **Masks must be worn by all participants for indoor classes.**

Cloth face coverings must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields do not qualify as appropriate face coverings.

**Social Distancing**

Social Distancing of 6 feet will be maintained whenever feasible. An additional staff member will be assigned to assist with the program as deemed necessary in order to monitor and remind participants of appropriate social distancing.

**Class Size**

Class size will be adjusted according to the classroom square footage to allow for social distancing.
Supplies

Where appropriate, program supplies will be sanitized prior to the program. Supply kits will be pre-arranged and placed at each seat prior to participant’s arrival. Tools or equipment needed in classes can be shared between handlers with proper sanitizing between handlers. When appropriate, handouts will be emailed to participant prior to class.

Location

Classes will be held indoors on a limited basis. Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized between each class. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available in each classroom. For programs held outdoors, such as temporary tent on Linnaean Plaza, Linnaean House, Children’s Garden Town Hall, Amphitheatre and Garden Grounds will have a maximum safe capacity to accommodate social distancing guidelines.

Missouri Botanical Garden Health Screening Questions

As you arrive to your class, the instructor will check you in and ask if you answered yes to any of the questions below.

General

Have you experienced a loss of taste or smell in the past 24 hours? □ Yes □ No

Cough
1. Do you have a new cough? □ Yes □ No
2. Do you have a cough that you have had for more than a month and if so, is the cough worse in frequency, severity, intensity or in any other way? □ Yes □ No

Fever
1. Have you felt feverish or have you had a fever in the previous 24 hours? □ Yes □ No
2. Current Temperature ____________________ (Greater than 100.4, don’t report to class.

Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
Do you feel short of breath or have difficulty breathing in a way that is not normal for you? □ Yes □ No

Exposure
Have you had an exposure of more than 10 minutes and closer than 6 feet to a person who has a test confirmed diagnosis of COVID19 in the previous 14 days? □ Yes □ No

Travel
Have you traveled to a hot-spot (beyond your home county) area within the last 14 days according to the Harvard Pandemic site https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/, foreign country, or recently been on a cruise? (Hot spot designated by orange or red)

Call the Department of Health hotline for the jurisdiction where you live for more information. For more information on COVID-19, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at:

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If you live in the City of St. Louis, Missouri 314-657-1499

If you live in St. Louis County, Missouri 314-616-2600

Or call the Department of Health from the County where you live.