Education Participant Safety Protocol

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

At registration you will receive a COVID-19 waiver to agree to in order to complete your registration. Upon receiving your confirmation you will receive a list of health questions to ask yourself and anyone in your party prior to coming to Garden class. We ask that you also take your temperature prior to coming to the Garden out of an abundance of caution for others. If you answer yes to any of the questions and/or have a temperature of 100.4 or higher please call Garden registrar at 314-577-9506 to receive a full refund on your class.

A participant with any symptoms associated with COVID or experiencing a temperature of 100.4+ shall not enter the building and should follow governmental and health official guidelines for isolation and testing. Anyone experiencing symptoms while on site shall immediately leave the premises and follow governmental and health official guidelines for isolation and testing.

Personal Protection Equipment

All staff and instructors will wear masks during preparation, set-up of program supplies, and throughout the entire program.

Participants age 9 years or older will be required to wear a mask or face covering while on Garden grounds and in classroom.

If participant is unable to wear a mask due to a disability, they are to receive a wristband at the visitor desk.

Social Distancing

Social Distancing of 6 feet or more must be maintained at all times. An additional staff member will be assigned to assist with program as deemed necessary in order to monitor and remind participants of appropriate social distancing.

Class Size

Class size will be limited to less than 10 adults (anyone 18 years and older). Youth and family programs will be limited to 16 total people.

Supplies

Program supplies will be sanitized prior to the program. Instructors must wear nitrile gloves to distribute program supplies. Supply kits will be pre-arranged and placed at each seat prior to
participant’s arrival. Participants cannot share program supplies and there will be no passed materials. When appropriate, handouts will be emailed to participant prior to class.

Location

All programs will be held outdoors at this time. Hands-on classes will be held under covered outdoor spaces as necessary. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available. Classes will have ample time between for proper cleaning.

Missouri Botanical Garden Health Screening Questions

As you arrive to your class, a Garden staff person 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 work)

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 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:

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.

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