

2020 Covid-19 Bylaws Addendum

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Please type "I understand that if I fail to practice ACTIVE SOCIAL DISTANCING, or enter the garden outside of my group's assigned hours, I will lose my plot for the season and will have to reapply next season without the guarantee of becoming a member again." *

ARTICLE II – SANITITION / MASKS / GLOVES

Section 1 – Masks/Gloves Gardeners are required to wear face mask at all times. Gloves are advised. If you do not have gloves it is your responsibility to sanitize your hands and provide your own hand sanitizer. Section 2 - Sanitation Upon Entering the Garden After entering the garden, gardeners should complete the following tasks in this order: 1. Lock the gate. 2. Sanitize the lock and handles with nearby rag and disinfectant. Section 3 - Sanitizing Surfaces If a gardener uses any tool provided by El Puente, the tool must be disinfected BEFORE & AFTER use. This keeps you and other gardeners safe. Surfaces that Will Require Sanitation Include: • Lock and gate handles • Tools (shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, fire hydrants tools, hoses, etc.) • Tool shed • Water spouts on water tanks & rain harvester • Handles on watering cans • Any surface that is touched Section 4 - Sanitation Supplies There will be rags around the garden in designated locations along with bottles of disinfectant. Please spray the rags directly, not

to offload any chemicals into the surrounding environment. AFTER USING RAGS AND DISINFECTANT SPRAY THEY MUST BE RETURNED TO THEIR DESIGNATED LOCATIONS.

Please type “I will wear a face mask at all times. After entering and leaving the garden, I will lock the gate, sanitize the lock and the gate handles with nearby rag and disinfectant.” *

ARTICLE III - LOCKING THE GARDEN

Section 1 - The gate should never be left unlocked without a member inside the garden.
Section 2 - Lock Gate After Exiting All gardeners will be responsible for locking the gate after they leave. Lock the gate behind you after you leave.

Please type “After leaving the garden, I will lock the gate, sanitize the lock and the gate handles with nearby rag and disinfectant.” *

ARTICLE IV - CAPACITY / SOCIAL DISTANCING CONTINUED

Section 1 - Garden Capacity The garden is NOT a place for social hangouts during this time. Again, SOCIAL DISTANCING IS A MUST. Only 10 people will be allowed in the garden at any given time. If there are already 10 people in the garden when you arrive, you must wait for another member to leave before entering. Yes, count the people before entering. If it's more than 10, you must wait. Section 2 - Plot Capacity Only one gardener from each plot application will be allowed on their plot at any given time. The ONLY exception here is that if a parent MUST bring their child. Teenagers DO NOT fall within this exception. Section 3 - Children All children must be under strict supervision from their parents or guardians. Children must NOT be allowed to roam around the garden unsupervised. Children must also not enter other plots.

Please type “I understand that there is a garden capacity maximum of 10 people. I also understand that there is a plot capacity maximum of ONE gardener, with the exception of young children who may enter with their guardian.” *

V - SIGNS

Section 1 - Group Hour Signs There will be a sign that details the hours / times that you are allowed in the garden. If you enter the garden outside of your designated garden hours, you will lose your plot for the season and need to reapply next year without the guarantee of becoming a member again. Section 2 - Sanitation Signs There will be signs located around the garden where sanitation supplies must be kept. The supplies include rags, disinfectant spray, etc.)

Please type “I understand that I must return rags and disinfectant to their designated areas.” *

ARTICLE VI - CONSEQUENCES

Section 1 - Individual Gardener Consequences The NYC Parks Department, El Puente, and your steering committee takes this situation of Covid-19 very seriously. Garden rules must be followed. No exceptions. If any “Covid-19 Addendum” rules are broken, even only once, the gardener will lose their plot for the season and will have to reapply for a membership the following year without the guarantee of becoming a member. Section 2 - Entire Garden Consequences If too many rules are continuously broken, a circuit-breaker will be tripped and the garden will be closed for the remainder of the season or until social distancing measures are completely removed from city guidelines. This could extend into next season as well. If we want the garden to remain open for the foreseeable future, we have to protect each other and follow these guidelines.

Please type "I understand that, if I break the Covid-19 Bylaw Addendum, I will lose my plot for the season and will have to reapply for a membership the following year without the guarantee of becoming a member." *

I understand the above rules and agree to follow them throughout my term as a gardener. Every other approved gardener in my household is aware of and will follow these rules as well. I agree to any additional rules or modifications that the Garden Steering Committee approves. Please type "I understand that failure to comply with the Garden Rules and Regulations will result in warnings, penalties, and/or expulsion from the garden" in the space below. *

Date*

Signature (Please type first and last name) *