



## 2020 Common Good Garden Volunteer COVID-19 Mitigation Policy

The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust is committed to reducing food insecurity in our community. The Common Good Garden (CGG) at our Tom Settle mire Community Garden (TSCG) is one of the most important ways that we are able to provide fresh, organic produce to community members in need through our partnership with Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program (MCHPP). In order to grow this food, we depend on the engagement of TSCG community volunteers to plant, grow, care for, and harvest crops.

For the 2020 growing season, BTLT will implement and enforce the following policy to support the community-wide effort to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 virus among volunteers who engage in working within the CGG at TSCG:

1. All volunteers participating in the CGG will verbally acknowledge that they understand and commit to abide by the terms of the virus mitigation policy before participating in each volunteer gardening session.
2. All participants will maintain a social distancing space of at least six (6) feet of separation between individuals during each work session.
3. Volunteers will be required to wear their own (disposable or work) gloves throughout each CGG volunteer session.
4. The handles of all tools used during a TSCG volunteer work session will be cleaned with a bleach and water solution before and after each volunteer session. The bleach and water cleaning solution used will be based on the federal CDC guideline of 5 tablespoons (1/3<sup>rd</sup> cup) bleach per gallon of water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water. Each tool will be designated to an individual volunteer for the entire session. Tools will not be shared between individuals during a work session.

5. TSCG volunteers who have come into contact with an individual infected with Covid-19 or are feeling ill, have a fever, cough, or other symptoms of the COVID-19 virus will not participate in volunteer work sessions until at least 14 days after symptoms or signs have ended. Any volunteer that has participated in a previous session and believes they have subsequently contracted the virus will notify the TSCG volunteer coordinator of their condition so that appropriate steps may be initiated with other TSCG volunteers.

6. CGG volunteers will sign up for work days with Dev, no more than 8 may be working at any time.

7. Volunteer hours will be logged online, through the [website](#). This removes the need for pen and paper recording which results in germ spread. If you require assistance with this process email [garden@btlit.org](mailto:garden@btlit.org) or ask Dev Culver, Common Good Garden Coordinator, for assistance.

While every effort is being taken to ensure the safety of TSCG ploholders and volunteers, BTLT cannot guarantee the safety of garden participants. By working in the garden as either a plot holder or volunteer you are indicating that you accept these risks.