

Important 2021 COVID guidelines

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The community spirit that exists on our allotment sites is now vitally important. Please remember to look out for one another during these very difficult times. This is a constantly changing situation and is reviewed on a regular basis.

Please remember to carry on practising social distancing of 2 metres and taking hygiene precautions when visiting the site and touching communal surfaces. (eg. the FRONT GATE). Plot-holders over 70 years of age, regardless of general health are particularly vulnerable. It may feel safe on an allotment site but there are still risks.

During the current lockdown you can continue to exercise alone, with one other person or with your household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day.

Can I still work my allotment during the Covid19 lockdown?

Yes, allotments are a great way of both getting exercise and obtaining food during this crisis. However, social activities on site must cease and you can only visit ONCE a day.

Can I visit the allotment with my family and friends?

You can use your plot to exercise once a day along with members of your household, your support bubble or one other person.

If you do wish to bring someone to assist with work on the plot, please ensure that that this is notified to [Massimo](#), the Site Rep, (mass_1mo@hotmail.com) so that he can authorise and is aware of who is on site. It is essential that no un-authorised people are allowed onto the plots for the duration of this emergency. Careful consideration should be given to introducing anyone over 70, those with underlying illness or pregnant women.

Can I drive to my plot? Yes, it is permissible to travel to access local green space to exercise. Please park in the car park, wearing a mask as you walk to from your plot. If you have a parking space at your plot you may use that and should not need a mask unless you walk around the track or car park areas.

How can I ensure my family's and everyone else's safety at the plot?

DO NOT ATTEND the plot if you have coronavirus symptoms or a family member is self-isolating; this includes people who need to isolate after returning from holidays abroad.

Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser (should be at least 60% alcohol content) before entering or leaving the site and opening any gate locks. Do not wash your hands in water troughs. Please note – Sandridge Road WATER SUPPLY is currently switched off for winter. Take a flask of hot or cold water, soap and paper towels to the plot with you so you can wash your hands.

DO NOT touch your face after using anything that has been touched by other people - use an elbow to work the push taps.

Please keep to your own plot only and do not enter another plot holder's space or touch anything belonging to others.

If you take your children to the plot, ensure that they stay within its confines and do not run around on communal paths and spaces.

Do not share tools. Shared Machinery and purple wheel barrows- please use your own wheel barrow or do without for until further notice. The plot holders who keep a SRAA purple wheelbarrow may use it.

I am self-isolating or shielding and cannot go to the allotment and worried about losing my plot, what should I do?

Please make sure that you inform your Council Allotment Officer or [Massimo](#), the Allotment Association Site Rep, that you are unable to visit the site, preferably in writing, so that they can make allowances for your situation.

Bonfires Please keep these to the minimum. Garden bonfires contribute to air pollution, especially when green material is burnt.

Normal rules apply for [self isolating](#).

Normal rules apply for [social distancing](#)