

Aurelia's Garden Inc. Health and Hygiene Policy Draft

General Health and Hygiene

- All participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will abide by the [Good Samaritan Law](#), and will not hold landowners, other volunteers, sponsoring agencies or Aurelia's Garden Inc. responsible for any accident, injury, or other loss incurred while participating in the program.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will not come to volunteer sessions while sick or while showing signs of illness.
- The Chief Agricultural Officer and Board of Directors will determine when volunteer sessions need to be canceled due to weather safety concerns. There will be no work session if the heat index is forecast to be over 91 degrees fahrenheit, or if the chill index is forecast to be under 32 degrees fahrenheit.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will observe standard hygienic practices, such as washing hands, refraining from spitting in the field, refrain from chewing gum, etc.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will comply with all presented food safety policies and procedures and adhere to the instructions provided by the Chief Agricultural Officer to ensure product integrity.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will treat the land, plants and produce with respect and care, and will adhere to instructions provided by the Chief Agricultural Officer to ensure produce quality and good land stewardship.
- No volunteers will be permitted to be in the field without the presence of a member of the Board of Directors, except in situations when a director will provide the volunteer with explicit, written permission and instructions for time and work in the field.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will follow the rule of "Pack it in, pack it out" at the garden sites. Everyone will remove their own trash and personal items from the field.

- All waste from food brought to the field will be removed from the field. No food from outside sources will be added to compost piles, disposed of in the field or surrounding woods, or buried on the property.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will not smoke or chew tobacco at the field. NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS are allowed. Tobacco can pose a threat to plants in the form of a highly contagious mosaic virus. All smokers are kindly requested to wash their hands before volunteering, and after any contact with tobacco products.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will not arrive under the influence of, bring, or consume alcohol and/or drugs at the field.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will not bring firearms to the field.
- All board members, volunteers and participants in Aurelia's Garden Inc. will not bring any animals to the field. No dogs are allowed at the field, except service dogs (but please check with us first).

COVID-19 and Infectious Disease

Social Distancing practices will be followed at all times:

- No more than six volunteers will work in a garden at a time. Volunteer sign ups and schedules will be maintained through Sign Up Genius to be sure of this.
- No additional people, guests of volunteers who have not signed up, or unregistered volunteers will be permitted.
- Masks will be worn when volunteers are within twelve feet of another person. Masks will cover both the nose and the mouth entirely
- Volunteers will maintain at least six feet between them. Volunteers will be directed to work on opposite sides of beds, preferable at opposite ends of rows to maintain social distance.
- No personal tools will be left in the field. All volunteers will bring their own tools and take their own tool home.

- If there are any shared tools, volunteers will use sanitizing wipes to thoroughly wipe down handles before AND after use. The owner of the tool should also wipe down the tool upon receiving the tool back,

Personal and Hand Hygiene:

- Volunteers will wash hands when they are visibly dirty or contaminated with bodily fluids, including respiratory secretions, saliva, and blood.
- Volunteers will wash hands with soap (either non-antimicrobial or antimicrobial) and water.
- When washing hands with soap and water, wet hands first with water, apply the amount of product recommended by the manufacturer to hands, and rub hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds, covering all surfaces of the hands and fingers.
- The washing station should be wiped or sprayed down with sanitizing spray regularly.
- Volunteers should sanitize their cell phone regularly and only use it when necessary
- Volunteers will not share food, personal items, or touch other volunteer's belongings.