The Tucson Botanical Gardens strive to create an inviting experience to all who come to our Gardens. Fresh air, along with the calming benefits of experiencing gardens and nature, Gardens are a natural antidote to the stresses of life.

Although the levels for the COVID-19 are low in our community, we take the health of our staff and volunteers very seriously. We are taking precautions by following CDC cleaning guidelines and recommended employee personal safety measures. We have been and will continue monitoring conditions and have taken multiple precautions to provide a safe and healthy space for all to continue enjoying.

**Coronavirus (COVID -19) and what you need to know:**

**How is the Coronavirus Spread?** According to the Center for Disease Control and based on information regarding the spread of similar viruses, COVID-19 is spread mainly from person to person, between people who are in close contact with one another (within about six feet). It may also be contracted by touching a surface or object that has been contaminated with the virus and then touching your own mouth, nose or eyes; although person to person is thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

**What are the Symptoms?** They include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

**How to Help Prevent the Disease.**

- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently – 20 seconds is recommended.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick. Check the employee manual for sick leave policy.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or in your elbow – throw the tissue away – wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects frequently.
- Don’t shake hands or “high-five” during the current outbreak.
- Check with your Department Supervisor about any new or existing department protocols set in place to manage preventing spread of the disease.