



The Virginia Thurston

Healing Garden Cancer Support Center

Providing education and therapeutic services to those affected by cancer

Dear All,

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A top priority at the Healing Garden is the health and safety of our staff, providers and clients. To this end, the Healing Garden has always had routine sanitation precautions in place that ensure a safe environment, and protocols for staff to follow if they experience illness themselves or in their households. Given the growing concerns around the coronavirus, the Healing Garden will be taking additional steps of precaution.

The Healing Garden will be sanitizing all hard surface touch areas such as door handles, light switches, keyboards, phone handles, and table tops every four hours. Additionally, each treatment room will be sanitized after each encounter, and meeting rooms will be sanitized after every group meeting.

We are requiring staff and therapists to quarantine away from the Healing Garden for two weeks, if they have had a known potential exposure.

What can you do?

- Speak with your doctor about any specific precautions you may need to take
- If you have any sign or symptom of illness, or even a mild cold, please protect the Healing Garden by staying away until you are completely well
- Wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds, frequently
- Use hand sanitizer between washes
- Inform the Garden if you have traveled out of the country in the last two weeks.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow, not your hands
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick

For the latest information and updates, including travel advisories about coronavirus please refer to the CDC website.

Thank you for your help in following these important recommendations. If you have any questions about whether you should come to the Healing Garden, don't hesitate to call and talk it through—we do this all the time with staff, providers and clients.

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