SGS COVID-19 Risk Assessment Template for Garden Openers

Please use the following template to help you record your assessment of the risks related to opening your garden during COVID-19. Please get in touch with the office with any concerns or areas where we can help or provide further materials. Remember that you should still complete a general risk assessment as detailed in our Garden Opener's Guidance.

Checklist of things that could be dangerous	What SGS provides to prevent these	What further action could you take?
 Ensure Physical Distancing: Capacity Decide how many visitors can reasonably follow 2m physical distancing in your garden. How long should you allow for visitors to get around your garden? Might you want to allow visitors to stop and have a picnic? Have you adequate parking to allow distancing and support this number? If opening on a day or days, do you need to limit your visitors through a booking system? Consider extending your normal visiting hours 	Work with SGS to create a booking system, if appropriate	
 Ensure Physical Distancing: Manage flow of Volunteers and Visitors to avoid Crowding Consider crunch points, and how you would manage these. Can you create a one-way system? 	SGS signs: arrows, one-way	
 Ensure Physical Distancing: Queue Management How many people could you accommodate to wait in an entry queue (specific/range only) to stand 2M apart? Consider this from parking to admission. Decide what you will do if potential crowding occurs. Are there any local traffic or street management plans in place that you must consider? 	SGS sign to remind about physical distancing	

 Hygiene Provide bucket or container for admission donations Maybe for plant sales as well Provide hand sanitiser at admission point for visitors (expenses) Provide hand sanitiser and/or washing facilities for volunteer helpers Set clear use and cleaning guidance for toilets – suggest not available Identify surfaces that need regular cleaning. Do what you can to remove situations for touching surfaces – such as leaving doors and gates open. Consider whether you need additional waste facilities 	 SGS sign for exact change at admission SGS sign for exact change at plant sales SGS hygiene reminder sign 	
Additional measures Be clear on actions you must take if you encounter an incidence, or suspected incidence of COVID-19 in your premises. What to do in the case of an accident (non-COVID) requiring attention What other risks should you consider, either related to COVID-19 or not?		

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