The following procedures apply to anyone who has been approved to use a community garden plot at the Outback Farm on the Western Washington University campus in Bellingham, Washington. These procedures are in effect as of May 5, 2020 and will continue until the public health emergency is declared to be over in Whatcom County or a replacement set of procedures are approved.

Community Gardeners at the Outback Farm
Community Garden plots can be utilized by approved plot-holders during the COVID-19 restrictions, but must maintain specific practices to maintain social distancing:

- Only the plot-holder is allowed to use the garden plot; no guests or helpers shall accompany the plot-holder to the Outback Farm.
- Plot-holders are never to come to the farm if they are sick, or have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Plot holders should perform a self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to the Outback farm. If they exhibit any of the symptoms, they must not come to the farm and should contact their healthcare provider. Any plot-holder who has reason to believe is infected with a communicable disease would have to inform a university administrator as per POL-U1000.12.
- Plot-holders must observe at least 12' of physical distancing.
- No more than 12 persons, in total, are allowed in the Outback Farm fenced garden areas at any given time.
- **No tools are available for community garden use.** Plot-holders must bring their own tools.
- Plot-holders are not to share tools, plants, food, or other items they bring with them.
- Plot-holders must wear mask and gloves and sterilize at home after each use.
- Following the guidelines of the City of Bellingham, there will be no gatherings or events for community gardeners this season.

Approved by Jack Herring, Dean of Fairhaven College (with responsibility for overseeing the Outback Farm facilities)

May 26, 2020