

March 13, 2020

Subject: MG Program Update

To: Master Gardeners and Trainees of King County,

As you are all aware a great deal of new guidance came out this week from State Governor Jay Inslee and King County Executive Dow Constantine. In addition, WSU today announced policies specific to the Master Gardener program.

Above all, we want to ensure the health and safety of our volunteers and the public. Secondly, as best we can, we want to maintain the continuity of our program. I promised you an email today with updates. I regret that I cannot provide as much detailed information as I hoped pending further consult with WSU. But I feel it is important, given we are at the epicenter, to get some basic information to you today.

**Kick-off Meetings:**

Please hold your kick-off meetings virtually.

**Clinics:**

We are delaying clinic start dates until May. In light of that you may choose to delay your kickoff meetings until April. Clinic leaders, please be in communication with your host sites about the delayed start date.

We are working out the details involved in establishing e-Clinics so that we can handle a greater volume of questions from the public online prior to our delayed Clinic start dates. More information will come on this topic in future updates.

**Gardens:**

Until you hear more from me early next week please do not participate in Demonstration Garden activities.

**Continuing Education:**

As stated in previous communications, individuals organizing CE events please consider conducting them virtually. Alternately, you may postpone or cancel them.

Details are currently being worked out for the Spring@Shoreline CE event to be held virtually.

A list of prerecorded, on demand online CE opportunities are detailed in my previous email. That list will also be posted on the foundation website.

**Plant Sale at CUH:**

The April plant sale at CUH is cancelled. More information will be provided next week.

**Intern Training:**

Intern training has been moved online and will be completed on schedule. Hands-on activities which cannot be done online are postponed until further notice

**Where to find the latest MG Program Updates:**

Latest copies of these communications will be posted on the foundation homepage: <http://www.mgfkf.org/>

These are challenging times. Please know that we are doing our best to update and communicate as new guidance emerges from health authorities and government leaders.

Thank you all for your generous support and kind concern. I am especially grateful for the insight and dedication of the many MGs in leadership roles. I could not do this without them. We are a team, working through this together. And together, we will get through this.

Take care of yourselves and follow guidelines from the health authorities.

With much gratitude,

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This email is being sent by the Master Gardener Foundation of King County on behalf the the [WSU Extension Master Gardener Program in King County](#).

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