

Bexley Women's Club is proud to host an outdoor tour this year!

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are working to follow CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and City of Bexley guidelines to ensure as fun and safe event as possible.

UPDATE: Per Governor DeWine: All state Covid-19 Safety orders will end on June 2, 2021 (with a few exceptions like nursing homes).

From the Ohio Department of Health:

Except in certain limited circumstances, fully vaccinated persons may safely do most activities without a facial covering and without socially distancing. Unvaccinated individuals are at a significantly higher risk of getting COVID-19 and suffering its devastating toll. As such, unvaccinated individuals should continue to protect themselves using mitigation measures, such as masking and social distancing.

Persons who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask, socially distance, avoid large gatherings, and whenever possible, be outside for activities and gatherings.

As a reminder, here is what YOU can do to reduce the spread of COVID-19, per the CDC:

Continue to take these steps to reduce your risk of getting and spreading COVID-19:

- Your needed Covid precautions are according to your vaccination status:
Correctly and consistently wear a mask that completely covers your nose and mouth if you are indoors or unable to maintain a 6-foot physical distance from those not in your party.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces
- Stay home when you are sick
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol)
- Get vaccinated against Covid-19
- Get tested if you have signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or if you think you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Even if you and others (including children) do not feel sick and do not have any symptoms, you can still spread COVID-19 to family, friends, and community.
- Do NOT be around others if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, if you are sick, or if you have tested positive for COVID-19.

Here is what Bexley Women's Club Garden Tour is doing to reduce the spread of Covid-19, per CDC guidelines:

CDC Considerations for Events and Gatherings

Masks

- **WEAR A MASK according to your vaccination status**
- Encourage participants ahead of the event to bring and use masks at the event. We will provide masks to participants if needed.
- House Captains will be provided with a BWC commemorative mask to wear
- Ensure we have enough hand sanitizer (at least 60% ethyl alcohol) for people to clean their hands after adjusting masks.

Signs and Messages

- Post signs in highly visible locations (e.g., at entrances) that promote everyday protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs.
- Include messages about behaviors that prevent spread of COVID-19 when communicating with staff, vendors, and attendees (such as on the event website and through event social media accounts).

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Clean and disinfect (with appropriate cleaning product) frequently touched surfaces within the venue at least daily or between uses as much as able
- Clean and disinfect shared objects between uses—for example, payment terminals, tables, and countertops.
- Develop a schedule for increased routine cleaning and disinfection.
- If transport vehicles like buses are used, drivers should practice all safety actions and protocols as indicated for other staff—for example, washing hands often and wearing masks and maintaining social distance of bus riders.
- Use disposable gloves when removing garbage bags or handling and disposing of trash.

Modified Layouts

- Consider limiting site capacity to allow for social distancing
- Use multiple entrances and exits where able and discourage crowded waiting areas.
- Any seating will be placed at least 6 feet apart.
- Eliminate lines or queues if possible or encourage people to stay at least 6 feet apart by providing signs or other visual cues such as tape or chalk marks.
- Encourage online payment/ticket purchases instead of in-person
- Encourage multiple start sites in order to spread out attendees.

Physical Barriers and Guides

- Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that individuals remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times.
- Consider installing physical barriers in areas where it is difficult for individuals to remain at least 6 feet apart

Food Service

- There is no evidence that COVID-19 is spread by food. However, people sharing utensils and congregating around food service areas can pose a risk.
- Use touchless payment options as much as possible, if available.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as pens, counters, or hard surfaces between use and encourage patrons to use their own pens.
- Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that individuals remain at least 6 feet apart when waiting in line to order or pick up.

Travel & Transit

- Encourage participants to use transportation options that minimize close contact with others (e.g., walking or biking, driving or riding by car – alone or with household members only).

Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact

- Leslie Joseph is the designated Bexley Women's Club contact (BWCTourvolunteers@gmail.com) responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff and attendees should know who this person or office is and how to contact them.

Communication Systems

- Put systems in place to:
 1. Encourage participants to self-report to event officials or a COVID-19 point of contact if they have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days, in accordance with health information sharing regulations for COVID-19 and other applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.
 2. Advise attendees prior to the event or gathering that they should not attend if they have symptoms of, a positive test for, or were recently exposed (within 14days) to COVID-19.

Staff Training

- Train volunteers on all safety protocols.
- Conduct training virtually to ensure that social distancing is maintained during training.

- If training needs to be done in person, maintain social distancing. Virtual training is clearly better for infection control when feasible.

Recognize Signs and Symptoms

- Event administrators may consider using screening methods such as symptom checklist or temperature assessment.