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Good Morning BCGC

Another week of isolation down and who knows how many more to go? I hope you are all adapting well to this new no contact world we live in. We now have reminders at both garden gates about distancing and safety (see attached). Please bring your own tools to work in the garden if you have them, or bring disinfectant wipes to clean the lock boxes, locks and tool handles if you use the garden tools. Please wear gloves in the gardens and please consider wearing a mask at all times while in the gardens. Above all, BE SAFE!

Update on the garden progress and planting to date.

There are different types of radishes coming on in both gardens. The sugar snap peas are plentiful in both gardens as well, so get a bunch while they are producing. We will take them out in a few weeks to put in more tomatoes and peppers after the peas are done. There are a lot of lettuces in Boulder, still small but can be gently clipped for micro greens. Most are planted close enough so that if you pull a few whole plants it won't hurt anything.

The flower team has worked hard to get their plots looking like we will have a bumper crop of flowers for the year. Thanks to Noreen and the whole flower team for their hard work.

The herbs are also coming on strong at Boulder. Thanks Marci! There is rosemary, lavender, oregano and thyme plentiful and ready to pick. The parsleys can also be gently used. We will be planting a raised bed with basil varieties soon. There is a small tree near the big rock in Boulder that I THINK is a bay tree. One of you original members please let us know if that is correct. I don't want anyone to flavor their stew with something totally inedible.

Planting update

We have moved the planting up to this week. With what we have in stock, it will only take two days to plant. I have contacted the volunteers I asked for last week to see if they are available on a first come basis, and all have accepted the new dates. If you volunteered and I have not contacted you yet, I will try to get you in on future plantings. To date, we have put in some peppers and tomatoes at Boulder (Thanks Sue and Larry!). The squash and some okra plants will go in Saturday at Boulder. On Wednesday at Briar Patch, we will plant some of the additional tomatoes and peppers, cucumbers, beans and okra.

To be safe and maintain our appropriate distancing, **please do not go to the gardens this Wednesday or Saturday between 9-11** while the planting teams are there. I am trying to give folks a chance to take part and still feel safe.

Future plantings will include various tomatoes and peppers, eggplant, hot peppers, various bean varieties, sweet potatoes and cucumbers. Probably more but not coming to mind right now.

Everyone have a safe and wonderful week. Please let me know if you have questions,

comments or concerns.

David

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Be safe in our garden – COVID-19 practices

NEVER come to the garden if you are not feeling well.

You are encouraged to use a face mask. The CDC has directions for making face masks at home.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>



Wear gloves, and remember to thoroughly wash your hands before and after gardening.

Remember social-distancing – no closer than 6 feet.

Limit the number of people in the garden at one time – no more than 4 plus a group leader.

Always remember to clean tools after use, please bring your own wipes for disinfection.

- Consider bringing your own tools.