



# The American Peony Society

## In-Person APS Activity Pandemic Precautions

- For personal safety, for the safety of those you love and are in contact with -

Like many organizations, APS is concerned for the safety of our members, families and anyone they may come into contact with. While the United States is generally open for business, APS is implementing precautions to provide an extra layer of protection during this pandemic season. APS believes the science surrounding the Coronavirus clearly points to the need for continued precautions. All members and travel companions are asked to adhere to the following guidelines when visiting a tour garden or attending an in-person activity sanctioned through APS in 2021. If you are unable to meet APS guidelines, we ask you to not attend. Members not adhering to the guidelines during visits, will be asked to leave. We realize this sounds harsh, but the pandemic is a reality we take seriously.

- 1) Tour gardens and workshop activities are available by appointment through the through the APS' Member Portal at <https://americanpeonysociety.org/news-events/2021-aps-convention/>. Members wishing involvement must sign up in advance through the website (no walk-on traffic).
- 2) Appointments are free of charge, are for the date and time listed in the tour/activity description only. The number of participants may be limited per host request, to protect members.
- 3) We ask members planning to participate to have been socially responsible prior to the visit (have practiced social distancing, avoided group gatherings and used personal protective equipment during indoor ventures).
- 4) Members must arrange and supply their own transportation to the workshop or tour.
- 5) Outdoor activities provide plenty of room for healthy social distancing. We ask all members to remain at least **10 feet** away from people not within their social/travel unit.
- 6) **MASKS REQUIRED.** Please bring and wear a protective face mask or barrier while touring or participating in an APS activity. The CDC advises wearing two masks (one over another) for best protection and APS recommends this as well.
- 7) **No** picnicking or eating activities should be carried out without the host's permission. Additionally no water will be available, so please bring your own and dispose of your used bottles at home.
- 8) Rest facilities may or may not be available. This is the host's choice, thus make use of your personal restrooms needs before visiting a garden or participating in an activity.
- 9) APS recommends receiving a Covid-19 vaccination well ahead of any visits, for your personal safety and those who may come in contact with you.
- 10) Please follow any additional precautions the host provides in the tour/activity description or when you arrive at the destination.

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