

Coronavirus Safety Measures for Volunteer Groups

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For volunteers participating in in-park projects on The Greenway, we have implemented the following guidelines, which are in place until further notice. We monitor the City of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, CDC, and other relevant guidance in planning for volunteer safety.

General

- In line with State guidance, all staff and volunteers are expected to wear a face covering in the park unless they are unable to do so for medical reasons, in which case,, please notify your staff contact prior to volunteering so that we can plan accordingly. Standard paper masks will be provided to any volunteer that needs or wants one during a project.
- If you are taking a break to catch your breath or to eat/drink, you may remove your face covering briefly and temporarily as long as you are not near other staff/the public; please move far away to allow for comfort of others. Otherwise, please keep your face covering on and worn properly at all times. See the CDC's guidance on wearing cloth face coverings [here](#).
- At this time all volunteer groups are limited to 10 participants.
- Your name and phone number and/or email will be retained for contact tracing records.
- Always maintain 6' of distance from all other volunteers and staff. Please watch your surroundings and speak up so that we can all accomplish this goal together.

Health Screening Protocol

- As a best practice, we are implementing a health screening protocol for all employees and volunteers that come to The Greenway. We all have a crucial individual responsibility for keeping each other and the public safe. It cannot be overstated how important it is that you stay home if you are sick in any way.
- **Every day that you are scheduled to volunteer on The Greenway, it is necessary for you, before leaving home, to complete a short [Questionnaire](#), which includes taking your body temperature.**

If you do not pass the health questionnaire or cannot complete it for any reason, such as not having a thermometer, you should contact the volunteer coordinator and refrain from volunteering until you can successfully clear the screening.

- Do not volunteer if:
 - In the last 72 hours, you or any member of your household had any of the following COVID-19 symptoms: fever (100F or higher), felt feverish or had chills, a cough, sore throat, muscle aches, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell?
 - In the last 24 hours you or any member of your household had gastrointestinal distress (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea), fatigue, headache, runny nose or congestion, or any other sign of illness?

- In the last 10 days, anyone in your household been advised to be tested due to a known/suspected exposure to COVID-19 or be advised or directed to quarantine or self-isolate due to COVID-19
- In the last 10 days, anyone in your household traveled to a restricted area or attended a gathering (indoor or outdoor) where attendance exceeded, or was otherwise not in compliance with, recommended guidance? Per the Governor's COVID-19 Order #54, indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people.
- If your temperature is at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit

Tools and Gloves

- Communal tools are sanitized using a diluted bleach or hydrogen peroxide solution at the beginning and end of each day. You may receive some hand tools that are specifically assigned to you, and will be given sanitized communal tools in the field.
- Disposable nitrile gloves will be brought to each volunteer shift, in addition to freshly washed reusable gardening gloves. See the CDC's instructions on how to remove disposable gloves [here](#).

Park Safety

- High-touch surfaces are being cleaned several times a day but the virus could be on any surface in between cleanings. Please take precautions with all surfaces.
- Park Rangers are still on The Greenway and are enforcing park rules from a distance of 6' as well as encouraging visitors to abide by physical distancing and mask wearing guidance.

Safety of our staff and volunteers is extremely important to the Conservancy and is a group effort.

Failure to comply with these safety measures may result in asking individual volunteers or an entire group to leave The Greenway.