

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity Construction site COVID safety measures for volunteers

Habitat has a culture of safety on all of our construction sites. Typically, our focus is on preventing construction-related injuries, however, with the spread of COVID-19 our culture of safety includes additional precautions for volunteer health and safety.

Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity recognizes OSHA's recommendation that exposure to the general public be limited as it increases occupational exposure risk for our employees. We are also very mindful of the increased risk this poses to individuals at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19 as defined by the CDC. Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is taking the following steps to protect both volunteers and employees while reactivating volunteer operations:

We have established and continue communication with state and local authorities to determine current mitigation actions in our community and will amend this guidance as necessary.

Job site and Habitat ReStore volunteer numbers will be reduced to ensure strict compliance with physical distancing practices.

- Volunteers **must wear masks and work gloves** (*Wild Rivers has masks that we can provide but volunteers must wear a mask (theirs or ours).* Homemade masks or bandannas are acceptable.
- **Hand sanitizer and/or disinfectant readily available** at all build sites
- Whenever possible and practical, **please remain 6 feet away from other individuals.**
- **We will clean/wipe down hard hats and safety glasses daily.**
- We are **limiting the number of people on-site.** Registering is even more important and ensures that we can contact volunteers in the event that we need to cancel/delay/communicate about a specific build day. You can call 715-939-1390 or fill out the volunteer watchlist form on our website at www.wildrivershabitat.org and click on volunteer under the more tab.
- Volunteers are required to sign Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity volunteer waiver and to sign in and out before entering and leaving job sites, Habitat ReStores and the office.
- Volunteers must have a signed updated Volunteer Agreement, Release and Waiver of Liability on file

Although we can't guarantee a sterile worksite, we encourage volunteers to clean their hands and tools frequently and maintain social distance where possible. Please note: Volunteers are allowed to bring their own tools, but must not share as we are unable to clean & sanitize them.

Lastly, we appreciate your desire to help and support our mission—if you are feeling unwell, please stay home, get healthy and join us when you're feeling better.

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