

New Construction Volunteer Safety Protocols

As we navigate COVID-19 together, the health and safety of volunteers remains a top priority. Volunteers must adhere to the safety protocols below to ensure their own safety and that of other volunteers, staff, and the community.

These protocols are intended to function in conjunction with the COVID-19 Addendum to the Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver Release and Waiver of Liability, Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver COVID-19 Exposure Plan and any additional safety protocols shared by Habitat Metro Denver staff and AmeriCorps members on site. Volunteers should contact build@habitatmetrodenver.org with questions.

Personal Responsibility

- Always wear a mask on site. Fabric masks and bandannas are acceptable. Current CDC guidelines recommend cloth face coverings. N-95 masks or surgical masks are not necessary, as those are critical supplies that should continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.

Entering the Construction Site

- Enter through the designated volunteer entrance. Volunteers will receive information on the designated volunteer entrance prior to their volunteer shift.
- Sign in with a staff or AmeriCorps member at the designated volunteer sign-in area immediately upon entering through the designated volunteer entrance. Volunteers will receive information on the designated volunteer sign-in area prior to their volunteer shift.
- Wait for additional instructions and safety protocols from staff and AmeriCorps members before beginning to volunteer.

Social Distancing

- Volunteers are required to work in small, contained crews (no more than 6 people)
- Limit interaction with other crews. Do not cross into another unit/building. If you need a tool or material, ask someone on that crew to attain it and then sanitize appropriately.
- Do not congregate in large groups (more than 10 people).
- Always keep a 6-foot distance from others.
- No handshaking, hugs, high fives, or other contact greetings.

Sanitation and Hygiene

- Outdoor hand-washing stations with soap and are available on sites where water is available.
- Clean hands often with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol or wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Do not share tools and use personal tools whenever possible.
- Do not touch your face.
- Do not share personal protection equipment (PPE).
- Utilize gloves where appropriate and wash hands after removing gloves.
- Bring all water you will need for the day. We cannot guarantee a water source will be available on site.
- Follow port-o-let instructions from staff and AmeriCorps members.
- Follow clean up instructions from staff and AmeriCorps members at the end of the day.

Tracking Volunteers on Construction Sites

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- VolunteerHub is the program selected to track volunteers the main office, ReStores, construction sites and the Warehouse. Volunteers will receive VolunteerHub instructions prior to their volunteer shift.

Failure to comply with these protocols may result in staff or an AmeriCorps member asking a volunteer to leave site and/or additional actions in accordance with Habitat Metro Denver policy.