

COVID-19

# Safety Protocols for Volunteers

In the interest of public health and personal safety, Habitat of Humanity Grant County (HFHGC) is instituting temporary safety protocols for all volunteer opportunities on site. These protocols are tailored to volunteer operations, using Grant County Health Department and CDC COVID-19 guidelines.

## Expectations for Persons Exposed To, or Exhibiting Symptoms of COVID-19 *STAY AT HOME!*

No persons may visit any HFHGC property who within the last 14 days, has experienced any of the following symptoms (personally, or within their household):

- Fever (100.4 degrees F)
- Persistent Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Chills
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- New loss of smell or taste

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, stay at home regardless of whether you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are unable to be tested. If you have any questions, or if you would like any clarification on what meets the above criteria, please contact your HFHGC contact before your arrival.

## If Symptoms Appear While on Site or After a Day on Site

1. Immediately return home and contact your health care provider as appropriate.
2. Notify your HFHGC contact and site supervisor that you are experiencing symptoms.
3. A Volunteer Coordinator will ask you who you have been in close contact with in the past two weeks.
4. A HFHGC staff member will alert those who were in close contact.
5. Your health status will remain confidential.
6. Site may be shut-down on short notice in accordance with Safety Policy.

# PPE, Hygiene, & Social Distancing

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Mask must be worn by staff and volunteers on site at all times when social distancing is not possible. Please bring your own mask to site. If you are unable to do this, please reach out to your site supervisor.

## Distancing

- We will attempt to maintain at least six (6) feet between individuals to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
  - Some construction activities require closer than six (6) feet (framing, scaffold erection and deconstruction, sheetrock, exterior insulation, weather barrier, window and door installation, siding, flooring and cabinet install). These activities will be present throughout the build.
  - Masks are not a substitute for distancing.
- There will be a maximum of 8 volunteers permitted on site at a time. HFHGC will limit the total number of individuals on-site to no more than ten (10).
- Each person should use their own set of tools (hand tools, power tools, ladders, power cords, etc.) and materials (screws, nails, etc.) during the course of work where possible.
  - Habitat will provide all necessary tools, but you are encouraged to bring your own hand tools if you have them.
- Work on separate floors or areas when possible while working on the interior of the home.
- Work on separate parts of the house while working on the exterior of the home where possible.

## Stay Safe While Volunteering

- Wash hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds.
  - HFHGC will provide adequate handwashing stations at all sites, including those without running water.
  - Hand sanitizer is recommended if handwashing is not available.
- Minimize contact with common surfaces (door handles, etc.)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover all coughs and sneezes with your elbow.
- In all instances, maintain at least a 6-foot distance between people.

## Food and Water

- Avoid buffet style lunches and snacks. Volunteers are coordinate their own lunch or groups may cater using boxed lunches preferably from local businesses. Habitat will provide lunch if necessary.
- Each site will have a supply of water, but to minimize contact with surfaces we recommend you bring your own.

## Additional Sanitation

- HFHGC staff will sanitize hand surfaces and all tools on site after each work shift.

If you have any further questions, please contact our Executive Director at [director@granthabitat.com](mailto:director@granthabitat.com) or 765-662-1552.