

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio COVID-19 Precautions for Volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio's leadership team is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and the precautions governmental and health agencies are suggesting to limit the virus' spread. Our priority is always the health and safety of our volunteers, home buying families, partners and our staff. Habitat is taking a proactive approach to minimize potential exposure to the virus.

If you or your group is scheduled to volunteer with Habitat and you'd like to cancel -- we completely understand and respect your decision. Please let us know immediately if your group will not be coming out.

Volunteers will not be allowed on site if any of the following conditions apply:

- Volunteer has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or experienced COVID-19 like symptoms in the past 14 days
- Household member of volunteer has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or experienced COVID-19 like symptoms in the past 14 days
- Volunteer has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
- Volunteer or household member of volunteer is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test

For the volunteers who will be on site here are some of the added precautions we will be taking:

- People who have not been fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask on site. People who have been fully vaccinated will not be required to wear a mask on site. Masks are still strongly encouraged.
- We will provide hand washing stations with running water and soap for the entire day. Additionally, your house leader will provide extra breaks so volunteers can keep their hands clean.
- The sign in area will be more spaced out so volunteers can be socially distanced at check-in.
- All houses will be treated as their own site. Houses will be capped at 25 volunteers. There will be restricted movement on site – so each group will stay on their own house and not be allowed to co-mingle with other houses.
- Sharing of hand tools will be limited – we will have increased hand tools available at each house.

- Volunteers are strongly encouraged to bring their own work gloves. If you use Habitat work gloves there will be a bin for clean gloves and a bin to return used gloves.
- As always, volunteers showing signs of illness or distress will be attended to by a staff member certified in first aid. Volunteers showing any symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to leave and not work on site.
- Digital, no-touch forehead thermometers will be available if someone requests that their temperature be checked.

Notes about lunch:

- Lunch will be served at your house only – there will be no large tent area to congregate with other houses.
- Volunteers who are setting up and/or serving lunch must wear gloves, masks and wear closed toed shoes.
- Food arranged by Habitat should be commercially purchased and provided in single-serve containers. Sponsors bringing lunch for their own crews can bring whatever lunches they would like (homemade or store bought) but they must come packaged in single-serve containers.

Thanks for your understanding and for helping us provide a safe environment for everyone.

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