



NTF Planting Event COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

Included are NTF's recommendations to help guide us through safer tree planting events. These are fluid guidelines that may change depending on current data and as we see the success of the guidelines in action.

The health and safety of our volunteers and community is of utmost importance!

In accordance with [Mayor John Cooper's Roadmap for Reopening Nashville](#), Nashville Tree Foundation currently recommends the following guidelines for volunteering:

Individuals belonging to the following groups should not volunteer for in-person opportunities: ages 65 and up, those with elevated health risk or compromised immune systems, anyone who is feeling unwell (or who has been exposed to/is caring for someone who is sick or has a compromised immune system).

Volunteers who attend projects agree to take recommended precautions, including maintaining distances between themselves and other people; practicing hand-washing and sanitation of tools and work spaces; wearing gloves, masks, and other protective gear; etc. As always, consult a medical professional should you begin to feel unwell at any point during or after a project.



Volunteers Arrive Prepared

Prior to event volunteers:

- Register online and sign agreement to follow safety protocols.
- View two videos: [How to Plant a Tree](#) and [Outdoor Event Safety](#)
- Receive an email with their assignments and safety reminders:
 - ✓ Your commitment to safety
 - ✓ Your trees & their locations
 - ✓ Your volunteer leader's name & cell #

Day of event volunteers:

- Validate their own good health.
- Arrive with their own tools, face mask, and drinking water.
- Proceed directly to assigned trees & plant with same household.



Site Safety Measures

Trees will be color coded with tagging tape and grouped in “color” Zones. Visual prompts & signage will remind participants to wear masks.

Volunteers plant in same-household groups, bring their own tools if possible, and proceed directly to their assigned trees. All participants will wear a face mask at the event, but may remove it while actively planting a tree with their own household members.

Watering teams will fill and transport all of the water buckets to minimize contact at spigot.

A sanitization station will include free disposable face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and 70% bleach spray for tools.



Green Shirt Volunteer Leaders

Prior to event GSVs:

- Review Outdoor Event Safety video.
- Receive email with GSV team names, site leader and zone assignments.
- Get some sleep!

Day of Event GSVs:

- Validate their own good health.
- Arrive 1 hour early with mask on.
- Meet with site supervisor and proceed to planting zone.
- Greet volunteer teams as they arrive.
- Remind teams to wear face mask when GSV approaching the group.
- Keep site supervisor posted on progress.
- Call for watering team when ready.
- Thank volunteer teams!

