



Volunteer Info Sheet – Dayton, OH Project Site



Greetings! We thank you for your commitment to our common goal of sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors. As we serve together, we need to keep in mind the current COVID environment in which we now live. Part of sharing our love with one another is the responsibility to keep everyone – our clients, partners, the community, and each other – safe. We will explain other guidelines during orientation but wanted to distribute this additional information to you as you prepare for your mission trip:

BEFORE YOU GO

- Return your signed ***BDM Registration and Release form*** and ***BDM Covid-19 Informed Consent Agreement*** two weeks before you leave.
- **Arrival time for volunteers on Sunday evening will be between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.** Coordinate with project leadership IN ADVANCE if you prefer to eat at a restaurant or find alternatives for food delivery to the housing facility for the Sunday meal.
- An updated *What to Pack for Your Volunteer Week* document has been created to include additional safety items to bring along. You can access it at: <http://www.brethren.org/bdm/files/bdm-what-to-pack.pdf>

You are encouraged to bring:

- **Sunscreen** and **bug spray** to avoid use of common containers
- **Face coverings** (valve N95 not permitted)
- **Work Gloves**
- **Hand sanitizer and/or wipes**
- **Hand towel(s) or hankie(s)** to use on the work site for wiping sweat, etc.
- **Shower caddy or carry-all bag** to take your personal care items, towels, clothing to the shower and bathroom in order to have less surface contact.
- **Devotional and/or reading material** – please bring those from home, write your own devotional or obtain one online so that we reduce sharing these items.
- **Alternative group games that would not involve direct contact** to avoid the spread of germs that could occur with communal touching of cards or puzzles.
- Each person will be assigned an individual lunch cooler and a blue ice block for the week. However, if you would prefer to bring your own personal cooler or purchase a BDM insulated bag on site you are welcome to do so.
- If you bring snacks or food items to share, we recommend that you would individually package it (i.e. – serving size of trail mix or cookies in a baggie/snack bag).
- If you require a CPAP machine for medical reasons, you must contact the Project Leadership immediately. There is limited sleeping area available to accommodate their use due the potential for the exhalation port on a CPAP mask to release respiratory secretions that could greatly increase the radius of exposure.
- A *Safety Guidelines for Traveling Safety During Covid-19* has been created and should be read before traveling (<http://www.brethren.org/bdm/rebuild/forms.html>). Please remember to **take your temperature for 3 days prior to arriving** at the project site. **Please stay home if:** you do not feel well, show any symptoms of COVID-19, have recently traveled to an area with large numbers of COVID-19 cases or have been in close contact with anyone displaying symptoms, who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is waiting on test results. **BDM Leadership reserves the right to send an entire group home in the case of a volunteer exhibiting serious symptoms.**

WHILE ON PROJECT

General

- All volunteers and leaders will have their temperatures taken each morning and evening with touchless thermometers and results will be recorded and filed.
- Hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol) will be placed at all entrances to the facility used by BDM as well as other locations throughout the facility.
- Volunteers will be encouraged to mark all personal items used in a common area (i.e. the work or housing site) with their name for ease of identification.
- BDM is prepared to provide individual PPE if they are not brought from home.
- A new version of the *COVID BDM Statement of Understanding with the Homeowner* is now signed by the homeowner. This includes safety precautions to protect the homeowner and the BDM volunteers.
- All shower trailer units and the kitchen, dining room and restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

Sleeping Areas

- Bunk rooms are located in large classrooms at the church. All beds will be placed at a minimum of 6 feet apart.
- HEPA air purifiers will be placed in all sleeping spaces based on room size. Priority will be for windows to be open overnight as the weather allows.
- Mattresses will be sprayed with disinfectant spray at the end of each week.
- At the end of the week all sleeping spaces will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in accordance with CDC guidelines using EPA approved products.
- Fogging will be completed monthly of the sleeping rooms and dining area.

Restrooms

- The number of volunteers permitted in the restrooms at one time will be limited. Where it is possible, restroom doors will be propped open to provide touch-free entry points.

Kitchen & Dining

- Tables and chairs will be set up so that volunteers will be spaced out in the dining room 6 feet apart. This will also be designated by placement of prewrapped silverware and napkins.
- Volunteers will be required to wear masks anytime they leave the table.
- Lunch packing will be handled by delegated and trained volunteers in the designated area of the dining hall and placed in the appropriate cooler. Each volunteer will be given a lunch order form to complete.
- Meals will be served from the pass-through area between the kitchen and dining room. A plexi-glass divider is installed in the pass-through opening. Plates will be filled in the kitchen by household leaders and volunteers who will be wearing gloves and masks.

Thank you for your dedication to and support of the ministry we call Brethren Disaster Ministries! Our ministry does not exist without our wonderful volunteers! May we all move forward together as we ***“serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13***