



Volunteer Info Sheet - Coastal NC 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 & BDM Covid-19 Informed Consent Agreement*** two weeks before you leave.
- **Arrival time for volunteers on Sunday evening will be between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm.** All restaurants in Bayboro except fast food locations are closed Sunday evenings. **Incoming volunteers must either eat before arriving to the site during this time frame or coordinate IN ADVANCE with project leadership for alternative food options to pick up before getting to town and eat at the housing location.** If eating at the housing location the volunteer team would be responsible for providing all food, beverages, plates, napkins, and utensils for this 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: <https://www.brethren.org/bdm/rebuild/forms>

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** – you may choose to write your own devotional or obtain one online so that we reduce sharing these items.
- We will continue to use a communal lunch cooler with extra safety measures observed, if you would prefer to bring your own personal cooler or purchase a BDM insulated lunch 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>). We ask that you **take your temperature for 3 days prior to arriving at the project site. Please stay home if: you do not feel well or have done any of these things in the last 14 days:**
 - 1) have tested positive for COVID-19;
 - 2) have traveled to an area with large numbers of COVID-19 cases;
 - 3) 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.
- **For volunteers who are completely vaccinated** prior to arrival on the site, face coverings are optional unless otherwise required by a business, local partner, or owner of the home you are working in. 6 ft. of distance is still recommended from other people
- **For all those who are not fully vaccinated**, face coverings must be worn over the nose and mouth when within 6 ft. of others whether indoors or outdoors.
- 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.
- Devotions, games, and puzzles will be available for use. Hand Sanitizer will be located next to the shelves to be used in advance and volunteers should be distanced at tables during activities.

Sleeping Areas

- All beds in all sleeping areas will be placed with the head of the bed to be 6 ft 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 at least monthly of the sleeping rooms and dining area.

Restrooms

- 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 napkins.
- Volunteers who are not vaccinated will be required to wear face coverings anytime they leave the table.
- Volunteers will pack their own lunch following project safety measures of that week.
- Meals will be served from the kitchen pass through area. Plates will be filled in the kitchen by household volunteers who will be wearing gloves and those who are not vaccinated will wear a face covering.

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***