



Volunteer Info Sheet – Dawson Springs, KY 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** with volunteer groups having **eaten supper BEFORE arrival** at the housing facility. We recommend that you enjoy one of the many dining options along your route, or in Madisonville before arriving at the housing facility.
- **Volunteers who require CPAP machines should bring their equipment but no special arrangement will occur for sleeping if they have no symptoms of illness.** Should they develop symptoms, they will be isolated and should continue to use their treatment.
- A *Safety Guidelines for Traveling Safety During Covid-19* document has been created and should be read before traveling (<http://www.brethren.org/bdm/rebuild/forms.html>).
- **You should not leave home if:**
 1. **You are exhibiting symptoms of any illness before departure. Volunteers are asked to monitor their temperature 3 days prior to travel and not travel if it has been above 100 degrees during any of these checks.**
 2. You have tested positive for COVID-19 less than 6 days before departure or after testing positive more than 6 days before departure you are not fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) or your symptoms are not improving.
 3. You have been in close contact with someone in the last 6 days who has tested positive, is waiting on a test result for COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. If day 6 is before departure, you should test before leaving for the project regardless of symptoms and not travel if the test is positive.
 4. You are coming from or going to an area of HIGH COVID-19 Community Level and are not willing to wear a face covering when within 6 feet of others, including in the housing facility, in vehicles, on the job sites, and when entering local businesses, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or individual risk.
 5. You are not comfortable traveling with a group or observing ALL the safety protocols when on BDM rebuilding sites.
- 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 to have less surface contact.
- **Devotional and/or reading material:** you may choose to write your own devotional or obtain one online to reduce sharing these items.
- We will continue to use the individual lunch coolers.
- Any volunteers exhibiting symptoms on the BDM site will be isolated at the housing site for the current length of time recommended by the CDC until two rapid At-Home Tests or one Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test have returned negative or the group returns home.

WHILE ON PROJECT

General

- All volunteers and leaders will have their temperatures taken each morning and evening with touchless thermometers and the results will be recorded and filed.
- **Notification will be sent to your group the week prior to your service to confirm the current COVID-19 Community Level status at the BDM Project location and where you are traveling from or through according to the CDC.**
 - **When the COVID-19 Community Level in the BDM project location or the volunteer's home is HIGH:**
 - All volunteers should properly wear a well-fitting face covering indoors when within 6 feet of others, including in the housing facility, in vehicles, on the job sites, and when entering local businesses, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection, or individual risk.
 - **When the COVID-19 Community Level in the BDM project location or the volunteer's home is MEDIUM or LOW:**
 - Face coverings are optional for all volunteers. It is strongly recommended that non-vaccinated volunteers, those at increased risk for severe illness, or those who live with or spend time with someone at higher risk, wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when within 6 feet of others, including in the housing facility, in vehicles, on the job sites, and when entering local businesses.
- Face coverings may be required at all times by a local business, partner, the owner of the home in which volunteers are working, or officials in the area.
- When eating or drinking, etc., volunteers should be distanced apart (6 feet if possible), especially in HIGH COVID-19 Community Levels when face coverings must be removed.
- Face coverings will be provided but volunteers are encouraged to bring their preference from home to be used while traveling to the site (valve N95 not permitted).



- 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 showers, the kitchen, dining room and restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.
- Devotions, games, and puzzles will be available for use. When possible, volunteers should be distanced 6 feet apart at tables during indoor activities. If the COVID-19 Community Level is HIGH, they must wear face coverings over the nose and mouth if less than 6 feet apart. Hand Sanitizer will be located close by to be used in advance.

Sleeping Areas

- When able to, all beds (twin size) in the sleeping areas will be placed with the heads of the bed distanced as far apart as possible.
- 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.

Kitchen & Dining

- When eating or drinking, etc., volunteers should be distanced apart (6 feet if possible).
- Volunteers will pack their own lunch following project safety measures of the site.

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***