

## Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue Covid-19 Precaution Plan

Along with other wildlife centers who are putting together plans to care for wildlife during the Covid-19 pandemic which is rapidly evolving and outbreaks are being closely monitored, Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue is planning for the safety of it's staff and volunteers while still providing care and services to our wildlife.

### **Here are some of our plans along with plans that other agencies are following:**

1. Staff or SCWR volunteers should not enter the facilities of Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue if they fall within the high-risk categories of viral infection, chronic disease, high risk age classification which is currently considered over 65
2. AND/OR
3. Have ANY signs of COVID-19 including fever above 100 degrees, cough, colds, headache, diarrhea, shortness of breath, sore throat, joint and muscle pain
4. Staff or volunteers should not enter the facilities of Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue if they have not been practicing social distancing and have traveled and/or visited with members outside of their household; or if they have been exposed to COVID-19 as defined by [CDC guidelines](#). In either scenario, staff and volunteers must follow our post exposure protocol.
5. Staff and volunteers should follow all current mask mandate requirements as defined by the most [current Order of the Health Officer for Facial Coverings from Sonoma County](#).
6. Staff and volunteers are expected to follow all mandates defined in the most [current version of Sonoma County's Stay at Home Order](#).
7. If you have in anyway been exposed to COVID and the event lays outside of the parameters defined by [CDC guidelines](#), please contact the Executive Director immediately to discuss the situation.
8. If you are aware that a member of your household is not following one or both of the current mandates from Sonoma County regarding [facial coverings](#) or the [stay at home order](#), please contact the Executive Director immediately to discuss the situation.
9. Those who choose not to follow our COVID-19 Protocol will be asked to stay home and follow post exposure protocol, whether or not they feel their activities warrant potential exposure. For staff, you will NOT be paid for time missed during post exposure protocol if the qualifying event is determined to fall outside of our guidelines. For volunteers, we may need to put someone else on your shift to cover for your extended absence and it is not guaranteed that you will be able to return to your regularly scheduled shift.
10. No members of the public will be permitted inside of the center until further notice
11. No Community Service volunteers shall be utilized at this time until further notice
12. All staff and volunteers should continue to self-quarantine when not at work and eliminate coming into contact with 10 people or more and within 6 feet of those people
13. While working together at the Center, try to stay at least 6 feet away from each other unless absolutely necessary
14. Face-coverings are required while indoors and are required outdoors when unable to maintain 6 feet of social distance and during our public tour
15. Handwashing will occur and be monitored and documented at least every 2 hours during your shift each day
16. All towels used after handwashing should be placed in the laundry bin after single use only

17. All doorknobs and commonly touched surfaces will be sanitized at the end of each day with the inclusion of documenting this task
18. All items handled by the public must be sanitized immediately after use
19. All staff and volunteers planning on reporting for duty should take their own temperature at home that morning and report the results on the form provided on the sign in podium
20. Staff may opt to stay home and work on appointed projects
21. Animal intakes will still be in operation, but the intakes will occur outside of the facility
22. Rescues will still be in operation and the staff handling this service will be providing a schedule and keep it updated
23. BOMP and AWES will be providing its full services
24. PEEP is cancelled until further notice and staff will provide all care to this program's needs
25. Tours will continue in accordance with mandates set by the most [current stay at home order](#). If tours are operating, tours will be held outside only and all participants must uphold our [COVID-19 tour guidelines](#). Tours are subject to cancellation due to expanded shelter in place orders.

Your patience and professionalism is greatly appreciated during this time. If there are any concerns or suggestions, they should only be expressed to your supervisor who will handle them with confidentiality and taken care of that same day.

Thank you,

Doris Duncan  
Executive Director  
Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue