

# 2021 Midnight Meadows COVID-19 Safety Protocols

Our top priority is the health and safety of our volunteers, and we are committed to meeting or exceeding all guidelines issued by the New Mexico Department of Health (<https://cv.nmhealth.org/public-health-orders-and-executive-orders/>) and the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>) with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**We are following the current guidance adopted by both the CDC and the state of New Mexico, which states that fully vaccinated people can now refrain from wearing masks in all outdoor situations:** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>).

We are implementing the following safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during our volunteer restoration service projects ([click here to download these protocols as a pdf document](#)):

## **General Guidelines**

- **If you are not vaccinated**, and you are a member of a group that is at high risk of developing serious complications from COVID-19, or if you live with or are in close contact with vulnerable individuals, we encourage you to **consider refraining from participating** in this project. If you feel strongly about participating in this restoration project, we encourage you to get tested for COVID-19 a few days prior to the start of this project.
- We are not requiring masks for anyone who self-reports as being fully vaccinated. We also have not been imposing any volunteer limits on this project since the state lifted group gathering restrictions.
- **Do not come to a project if you are sick.** If you have experienced any symptoms of illness within the past 14 days – including fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, or loss of taste or smell – **or if you have been exposed to someone** with any of these symptoms within the past 14 days, **please do not come to this project.**

## **Preparing for the Project**

- If you are not vaccinated and still decide to attend this restoration work weekend, please bring a cloth mask or bandana and work gloves with you to the project. (AWF will have extra bandanas and gloves available).
- We have brought back the Saturday evening potluck dinner based on the CDC finding that covid rarely spreads via contaminated surfaces. Please bring a dish to share. Albuquerque Wildlife Federation will be providing bison burgers.
- **Carefully read the Directions and Details email that we will send you the week before the project** for any additional safety protocols or other important information.

### **During the Project**

- Albuquerque Wildlife Federation will provide touchless handwashing stations. We encourage you to wash your hands often, especially after using the porta-potty or touching shared surfaces.
- If you are not vaccinated, we encourage you to wear a face mask or bandana when you are in close contact with other volunteers.

### **After the Project**

- If you experience any COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after participating in an AWF project, please notify us immediately at: [membership@amigosbravos.org](mailto:membership@amigosbravos.org), [sromeling@amigosbravos.org](mailto:sromeling@amigosbravos.org) and [abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com](mailto:abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com)