

COVID-19 Volunteer Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests

Prior to each volunteer day, volunteers must review the screening questions and self-certify:

1. *Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:*
 - a. *fever or chills*
 - b. *cough*
 - c. *shortness of breath or difficulty breathing*
 - d. *fatigue*
 - e. *muscle or body aches*
 - f. *headache*
 - g. *new loss of taste or smell*
 - h. *sore throat*
 - i. *congestion or runny nose*
 - j. *nausea or vomiting*
 - k. *diarrhea*

2. *Have you been in close physical contact in the last 14 days with:*
 - a. *Anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19?*
OR
 - b. *Anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?*

Close physical contact is defined as being within 6 feet of an infected/symptomatic person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic individuals, 48 hours prior to test specimen collection).

3. *Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?*

4. *Have you traveled in the past 10 days?*

Travel is defined as any trip that is overnight AND on public transportation (plane, train, bus, Uber, Lyft, cab, etc.) OR any trip that is overnight AND with people who are not in your household.

If a volunteer answers “yes” to any of the questions above, they will not be allowed to volunteer at this time.

Volunteers must follow the same policies and regulations that apply to Forest Service Employees (in all cases). Specifically related to COVID-19, the following applies:

- Only one person is allowed per vehicle when volunteering. The only exception to this rule is if volunteers are living in the same household or when approved by the ARP Vehicle Occupancy Matrix.

- Volunteers must wear facial coverings at all times inside Forest Service facilities and on National Forest System lands when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Follow any additional safety protocols established for that facility.
- Volunteers must wear facial coverings outside any time social distancing of at least 6 feet cannot be maintained.

Volunteers may supply their own work gloves, face covering and eye protection if they have preferences for specific PPE that meets safety requirements, or if agency shortages would prevent work from being completed. PPE shall not be shared.

Public Contacts:

- Volunteers should adjust their expectations for response to emergencies, as First responders, City and County dispatch centers may be operating on diminished capacities during this period.
- Volunteers should adjust their expectations for Forest Service and Law enforcement response when reporting violations.
- Do not attempt to enforce or educate any federal, state, or county ordinances around COVID-19 (ex: group gatherings, requirements for facial coverings, stay at home orders, etc.)
- Be courteous. Announce your presence to others when passing others to help maintain social distance.
- Stay on trails except to maintain social distance. If you need to maintain social distance while accessing trails, step off the trail and allow others to pass.
- In order to maintain social distancing, do not schedule volunteer activities which cause people to gather in close proximity, such as trailhead ambassadors, VIS, or large group education events.

Risk Assessments Worksheet (RAW):

- Risk Assessments and/or Job Hazard Analyses will be developed by the Forest Service to address COVID-19 and project specific hazards and appropriate mitigation measures. Volunteers must review and sign prior to participating in any volunteer activity.

County Resources for Local COVID-19 Requirements/Restrictions:

Boulder County: <https://www.bouldercounty.org/families/disease/covid-19/>

Clear Creek County: <https://www.co.clear-creek.co.us/1173/COVID-19-Coronavirus>

Gilpin County: http://www.gilpincounty.org/departments/public_health_agency

Grand County: <https://www.co.grand.co.us/COVID19>

Jefferson County: <https://www.jeffco.us/3999/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

Larimer County: <https://www.larimer.org/health/communicable-disease/coronavirus-covid-19> for the latest city information. For updates from the Larimer Office of Emergency Management, <https://www.larimer.org/emergency>

Weld County:

https://www.weldgov.com/departments/health_and_environment/2019_novel_coronavirus

Visit www.fs.usda.gov/arp for up-to-date information for possible visitor restrictions or closures in response to trail and forest conditions