

The Outdoor Circle COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Branch Events and Activities

- **ALL participants must follow all Federal, State and Local laws and guidelines regarding COVID-19 from the CDC, State and County governments.** Since laws and guidelines change by the day and by island, please ensure that the number of people or conditions where people are permitted to gather may change rapidly. These policies are in effect until the CDC or State indicate otherwise but will most likely remain through at least 2021 and probably into 2022 at the current time.
- Each event requires someone be assigned as a **“COVID-19 Safety Coordinator”** to ensure compliance with the policies. If the group is appropriately small in size, the *Safety Coordinator* of the group could also take on the duty of *COVID-19 Safety Coordinator*. It is recommended to distribute these guidelines in advance of an activity or event so that participants and attendees know what to expect.
- **In addition to our regular Safety Guidelines, special COVID-19 Safety Measures are in effect.** ALL people associated with The Outdoor Circle or branch activities and events **MUST** wear a proper mask which *completely covers the nose and mouth at ALL times during an activity or event.*
- **Face coverings like a bandana or “neck gaiters” are not considered as sufficient for the protection of other volunteer participants. Please wear a surgical or cloth face mask.**
- **If the General Public will attend the event, have large signs clearly posted “NO ENTRY WITHOUT MASK COVERING NOSE AND MOUTH COMPLETELY.”** If someone becomes irate or belligerent because of our Safety Policies regarding COVID-19, please do not get into a confrontation with them. Remain calm and if you feel at all threatened or in danger, please call 911.
- While not currently required, the CDC now recommends (but does not require) that under that cloth mask, a surgical mask be worn (and again that we make available surgical masks, as needed). Extra surgical masks should be provided as needed.
- **Please refrain from physical contact**, including hugging, kissing, hand-shaking, fist-bumping, etc. Remain *at least* 6 feet apart from others whenever possible (even outside). If volunteer participants feel ill, they should not come to the event or activity, and they should return home immediately if they become ill during an event or activity.
- Please use hand sanitizer liberally. If forms are signed, please put used pens in a “to be sterilized bin.”
- Thank you for your participation and for following these guidelines. Please ask the *Safety Coordinator* of the event or activity if you have any questions or concerns.