



GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING AT SWEEP PROJECTS

Riverkeeper is requiring new safety protocols for the 2021 Sweep in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal is to prevent the spread and limit the risks of contracting the COVID-19 virus through interpersonal contact or the sharing of potentially contaminated items.

General Guidelines:

- The number of participants per Sweep site may be limited to ensure that a minimum of 6 feet of social distance can be maintained at all times (except for members of the same household).
- Sweep Leaders should maintain a distance of 15 feet and wear masks when providing announcements to volunteers.
- All participants and Sweep Leaders must wear masks that fully cover **both** their nose and mouth, at all times, with no exceptions other than when eating or drinking.
- Sweep Leaders should provide no food or beverages. Volunteers may consume beverages or snacks brought in personal containers.
- Participants should not share tools. If any tools are to be shared, disinfectant wipes or 10% bleach solution and paper towels should be used to disinfect tools or equipment between uses.

What Riverkeeper is communicating to all Sweep Volunteers:

- Volunteers will be instructed to bring their own masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, and water.
- Volunteers should not participate if they have ANY signs of illness or if they have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 within the previous two weeks.
- Volunteers must wear masks at all times and maintain proper social distancing throughout the duration of the project.
- Prior registration will be required to participate to reduce contact with shared sign-up materials day-of.
- Volunteers should carpool only with members of their own household.

What Riverkeeper is providing you with to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Several extra masks and pairs of gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes
- Guidance on limiting capacity to an appropriate level at each Sweep site
 - Riverkeeper's general recommendation is to limit site capacity to 50% of what it has been in the past

If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please contact Jen Benson
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