



COVID 19 Guidelines: Field Operations Best Management Practices

The following document is an overview of EarthCorps' COVID-19 Playbook Best Management Practices (BMP) related COVID-19 field operations. BMP's were developed from external information provided by the CDC, local and state health departments, sister conservation corps and internally with input from staff and corps members.

EarthCorps' top priority is to keep staff, crew members, agency partners and community members healthy and safe during this public health crisis.

Crew Structure

Each crew is made up of "isolation pods". These pods are comprised of crew members that either live together in shared housing or carpool together. This new crew structure will reduce the risk of spreading germs between crews.

PPE and sanitation of vehicles, tools and equipment

Each vehicle/ transportation unit is supplied with the following sanitation supplies:

- 2 cloth facemasks per crew and staff member
- Large water container for hand washing
- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol base
- Spray bottle with soap/ water solution for cleaning vehicles and equipment
- Spray bottle with bleach-solution for disinfecting high contact areas of vehicle and shared tools
- Disposable gloves to wear while cleaning and disinfecting
- Paper towels

Personal hygiene

All Staff and crew members are required to practice personal hygiene standards set by the CDC and public health officials, stated in the EarthCorps COVID-19 Playbook.

Daily Health Screening

- Arriving at EarthCorps or the work site, all staff and crew members will be asked questions related to their health, and have their temperature taken.
- Temporal no touch thermometers will be used to take daily temperature of each crew member and staff member who is not working from home.
- Persons' administering daily health screen must use a face shield and face mask'
- If any of the COVID-19 symptoms are present, including a temperature at or above 100.4, that person will be asked to leave, seek professional medical advice and begin self-quarantine.

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Tools & Equipment

- Each crew member has assigned a set of tools that will be regularly cleaned and properly stored to reduce cross contamination.
- Any tool that is consider a “communal tool” (brush cutters, augers, etc.) will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.

Vehicles

- Crew members who are in the same isolation pod are permitted to drive together to and from the worksite and must Implement social distancing as soon as possible upon arriving at job site.
- In the event that crew members or staff (not in an isolation pod) must ride in a vehicle together then:
 - A maximum of 2 persons per small pickup and 3 persons per crew van/truck are allowed.
 - Face masks are required while in the vehicle.
 - Implement social distancing as soon as possible upon arriving at job site
- **Vehicle interior is cleaned and disinfected daily by crew members and staff.**

Job Hazard Analysis

- Every crew will review the COVID-19 job hazard analysis (JHA) before starting work
- Crews will submit feedback to EarthCorps on COVID 19 safety as part of our daily worklog data collection.

Restrooms

- Restrooms located in open businesses, e.g. grocery stores, and public parks can be used by crews.
- For any projects where public restrooms are not available, a port-a-toilet will be provided by EarthCorps or Agency partner.
- Crew members must wash their hands BEFORE and AFTER entering these facilities.
- Face masks must be worn.

Procedures for Symptomatic People

All staff and corps members should always be **self-monitoring**. If there are any general feelings of being unwell, we are asking all staff and crew members to stay home and self-monitor. In the event that COVID-19 symptoms are present, that person will be asked to seek professional medical advice, and provide a list of any person they may have come into contact with. In the event this happens at the worksite, that person will leave immediately and EarthCorps will notify the agency partner regarding next steps for both public health and project needs.