



Austin Habitat for Humanity – COVID Protocols for Volunteers

Austin Habitat for Humanity operates a safe, productive, and fun volunteer program. Our volunteers are an invaluable resource so we have put in place the following protocols for our volunteer project sites. They are subject to adjustment as we continuously monitor COVID-19 and the recommendations by the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and our state/local ordinances.

Austin Habitat for Humanity will:

- ✓ Require all Volunteers to conduct a self-assessment screening*
- ✓ Provide individual use PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) including work gloves and face masks
- ✓ Provide hand sanitizer/hand washing stations
- ✓ Limit group size
- ✓ Provide sanitary hydration options (all are encouraged to bring their own water)
- ✓ Use and provide disinfectant cleaning solution
- ✓ Prohibit community style meals (meals for groups must be commercially prepared and individually packaged. Individuals may bring and enjoy their own packed lunches)

Volunteers will:

- ✓ Stay Home if they are not healthy
- ✓ Follow all rules and protocols as described by Austin Habitat for Humanity staff
- ✓ Practice good hygiene— Clean their hands often, either with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap & water (wash with soap for at least 20 seconds)
- ✓ Wear their own or the provided PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
- ✓ Stay 6 feet away from others when working or on breaks, if they cannot maintain 6 feet distancing they must wear a face mask or covering
- ✓ Avoid contact with others whenever possible (e.g., handshakes, hugs, high-fives)
- ✓ Avoid touching their face
- ✓ Bring their own filled insulated personal water container (1+ gallons is recommended for construction)

Note: **Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions** are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. We expect all volunteers to consider their own health before participating.

Volunteers play a critical role in our organization's COVID-19 prevention efforts. Our staff, families, and our community thank you in advance for your commitment to #BuildHealthy!

**The self-assessment screening includes confirming: Volunteers are fever free for 72 hours without medication, are not experiencing any flu-like symptoms (including coughing or shortness of breath), and confirm that they have had no close contact with anyone exposed to or that have tested positive for COVID-19 in past 14 days.*