

Pacific Crest Trail Association

Covid-19 Evacuation & Exposure Plan for Volunteer Programs

- Isolate and quarantine a sick volunteer as quickly as possible from other volunteers, making sure the project First Aid Lead has appropriate PPE, is able to monitor the health of the sick individual and provide supportive care as needed and at a distance if possible.
- Notify PCTA and dispatch immediately per local communication protocols to advise if the sick volunteer will self-evacuate or requires assistance. Be sure to advise dispatch of the potential of a Covid-19 case so first responders and medivac personnel are aware.
- Monitor the rest of the volunteers for signs of exposure/infection.
- Evacuate sick volunteer and remainder of crew.
- Volunteers who test positive for Covid-19 will be directed to self-quarantine according to current CDC guidance. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html> PCTA staff will communicate periodically with any sick volunteers.
- Volunteers who have come into close contact with an individual who has tested positive for Covid-19 (co-volunteer or otherwise) will be directed to self-quarantine according to current CDC guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html> Close contact is defined as six feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. If the PCTA learns that a volunteer has tested positive, the PCTA will:
 - Conduct an investigation to determine co-volunteers who may have had close contact with the confirmed positive volunteer in the prior 14 days;
 - Direct those individuals who have had close contact with the confirmed-positive volunteer to self-quarantine according to CDC guidance;
 - If applicable, notify any staff, vendors/suppliers or visitors who may have had close contact with the confirmed-positive volunteer.
- If a volunteer learns that they have come into close contact with a confirmed-positive individual outside of the trail project but within the 14 days prior to the project, they must alert PCTA of the close contact.
- A volunteer who becomes sick with Covid-19 and suspects it to be from volunteering on a PCTA-sponsored project should work with PCTA staff to contact the Forest Service to submit a claim.
- Except for circumstances in which the PCTA is legally required to report workplace occurrences of communicable disease, the confidentiality of all medical conditions will be maintained in accordance with applicable law and to the extent practical under the circumstances. When it is required, the number of persons who will be informed that an unnamed volunteer has tested positive will be kept to the minimum needed to comply with reporting requirements and to limit the potential for transmission to others. The PCTA reserves the right to inform other volunteers that an unnamed co-volunteer has been diagnosed with Covid-19 if the other volunteers might have been exposed to the disease so the volunteers may take measures to protect their own health. The PCTA also reserves the right to inform staff, vendors/suppliers or visitors that an unnamed volunteer has been diagnosed with Covid-19 if they might have been exposed to the virus so those individuals may take measures to protect their own health.