



BDM Rebuilding COVID-19 Informed Consent Agreement (LOCAL VOLUNTEER) 6.4.20 Version

BDM is aware and constantly monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic especially as it affects and relates to how we can facilitate our rebuilding program. This will require great changes to our standard operating procedures for many months to keep all volunteers, homeowners, and local partners safe and to not add burden to the local communities still recovering.

Once project suspensions can be lifted and travel restrictions will allow for volunteers to serve on our sites, the safety and preparedness precautions at our sites will also be updated greatly and will be thorough. Volunteers who travel to our sites **MUST comply with ALL these precautions** when on a BDM project. **If you feel you are not able to comply or are not comfortable serving under these circumstances, you should not travel to volunteer with BDM Rebuilding at this time.**

*BDM will be monitoring the COVID-19 situation and changes, or cancellations may be made based on travel restrictions or guidance changes and conversations with local partners. **BDM is not responsible for non-refundable travel expenses if cancellations occur due to COVID-19.***

These **COVID-19 facts** from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are the basis for our caution and volunteers must be aware of them.

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person
- Recent studies indicate that people who are infected but do not have symptoms play a role in the continued spread of COVID-19
- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus
- People 65 and older and people with severe chronic health conditions, such as heart or lung disease, and diabetes, are at higher risk of developing more serious illness from COVID-19.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/index.html>

COVID-19 Symptoms - The following symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure:

Fever, coughing, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea

Emergency warning signs needing immediate medical attention include, but are not limited to, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; persistent pain or pressure in the chest; new confusion or inability to arouse; and bluish lips or face.

COVID-19 Procedure for Sickness -

If a local volunteer in a group on a BDM site should exhibit symptoms of COVID-19:

1. The person must return home and will not be permitted to volunteer again until he or she has had resolution of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), and documentation of a negative result of a COVID-19 test.
2. Project Leadership will share local instructions on seeking care and obtaining testing and the District Disaster Coordinator (DDC) will be notified.

If someone in a group should test positive for COVID-19:

1. The person testing positive must immediately notify BDM leadership.
2. The whole group they came in contact with will return home immediately to quarantine for 14 days.
3. Project Leadership who were in contact with the person will quarantine for 14 days and the volunteers scheduled for the following 2 weeks will be cancelled.
4. Project leadership will collect a contact tracing list for that week that includes all of the members in the group, leadership, and homeowners, partners, or others who had any contact of at least 15 minutes