

## Volunteer Guidelines

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From: Jaime Yohman, Community Engagement Director



For safety & consistency, volunteers and staff are required to follow the general guidelines put forth by state and local agencies. Please read and adhere to these guidelines when in your volunteer role. As always, it is your personal decision based on your comfort level if you wish to volunteer. These guidelines must be followed and the MetroParks reserves the right to excuse a volunteer from their volunteer duties if not followed.

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS WE FOLLOW GUIDANCE FROM STATE/LOCAL AGENCIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.CORONAVIRUS.OHIO.GOV](http://WWW.CORONAVIRUS.OHIO.GOV)*

**Volunteers** must wear a **face mask/covering** while volunteering indoors and they must wear a **face mask/covering** outdoors if unable to maintain a 6-foot distance from others. Volunteers should come prepared with their own masks.

- **Think First:** Stay home if you are sick or have symptoms.
- **Wash Hands:** Wash your hands before coming to the park, carry hand sanitizer and try to avoid touching picnic tables, railings, and benches if possible.
- **Keep Your Distance:** Maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and others. It can be difficult at times to keep six foot spacing when working on certain tasks, in these circumstances it is mandatory to wear a mask when participating in both outdoor and indoor work.
- **Come Prepared:** Bring your own drinking water, hand sanitizer/wipes and carry out your trash.
- **Stay in Touch:** The situation may continue to change. We are updating our website and social media with the latest information.

**Tools** (for those volunteers who use tools to complete their tasks)

- Tools will be provided by Mill Creek MetroParks staff. If volunteers are more comfortable bringing their own hand tools that is ok and is permitted. If volunteers bring their own pruners and digging tools we would ask volunteers to keep them disinfected and sanitized (using a 10% bleach solution) to prevent spread of germs and plant diseases.
- Staff will ensure that all MCMP tools have been properly sanitized before and after the project.

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We welcome you back and we thank you for your patience and cooperation in following these guidelines for the safety of yourself and others. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer to help keep our park one of the best!