Guidance for Volunteers Returning to Service

As AgriLife Extension and volunteers begin to re-engage in educational programming, maintaining safety for clientele, volunteers, and employees is our highest priority. All volunteers must be aware of and comply with municipal/county health guidance as well as additional state and federal guidance. If you have questions or need additional information about requirements, please contact your county Extension agent and consult with the County Extension Agents before planning and/or hosting any in-person events and activities.

General guidance for returning to service:

- Remain at home if you or anyone in your home is not feeling well or has a fever.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. For more information, see [https://howdyhealth.org/scrubup](https://howdyhealth.org/scrubup)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Try to work independently, keeping 6 feet or more apart from others.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a facemask or other personal protective equipment as a way of diminishing transmission. For more information, see [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html)
- Frequently clean high-touch surfaces including your cellphone/tablet, door handles, restroom surfaces, handrails, tools, etc. For more information, see [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html)
- Refrain from using shared office equipment when possible. If it is necessary to use other’s equipment, sanitize between each user.

Guidance for outdoor service:

- Groups working outdoors together or receiving instructions should be 10 or fewer people, all spaced 6 feet apart or more.
- Individuals may work independently, keeping 6 feet or more apart from others in the garden
- When possible, use your own gardening tools and equipment; shared tools and equipment should be cleaned after each use.

When inviting the public to an educational event:

- Hosts and participants should wear face coverings, with participants expected to provide their own PPE.
- Advise participants in advance that if they have any symptoms or feel unwell, they should not attend
- Those receiving instructions should be 10 or fewer people, all spaced 6 feet apart or more.

Information taken from Kay Ledbetter, AgriLife Today, retrieved from [https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/05/01/returning-to-work-post-covid-19/](https://agrilifetoday.tamu.edu/2020/05/01/returning-to-work-post-covid-19/) and the Oklahoma Master Gardener program.