

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio Statement for Volunteer Groups about Covid-19

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio's leadership team is closely monitoring the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and the precautions governmental and health agencies are suggesting to limit the virus' spread.

Our priority is always the health and safety of our volunteers, home buying families, partners and our staff. Habitat is taking a proactive approach to minimize potential exposure to the virus.

If you or your group is scheduled to volunteer with Habitat and you'd like to cancel -- we completely understand and respect your decision. Please let us know immediately if your group will not be coming out.

For the volunteers who will be on site here are some of the added precautions we will be taking:

We will provide hand washing stations with running water and soap for the entire day. Staff will periodically sanitize that area. Additionally, your house leader will provide some extra breaks so volunteers can keep their hands clean.

The work gloves available on site will be washed between uses. We will have bins for clean gloves and used gloves. You are also welcome and encouraged to bring your own work gloves.

As always volunteers showing signs of illness or distress will be attended to by a staff member certified in first aid. Volunteers showing any symptoms of illness will be kindly asked to leave and not work on site. We now have the ability to take people's temperature should they feel ill.

We will be practicing more social distancing on site. Here are some examples of what this will look like:

- There will be a larger sign in area so there will be more space between volunteers signing in.
- Lunch will be served at your house only – there will be no large tent area to congregate with other houses.
- All houses will be treated as their own site. No house will have more than 15 people on it. There will be restricted movement on site – so each group will stay on their own house and not be allowed to co-mingle with other houses.

Thanks for your understanding and for helping us provide a safe environment for everyone.