



## Monitor Safety Guidelines

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, please refer to the following safety guidelines if hosting a program or attending a monitoring event.

- **Check all local health guidelines before scheduling *and* running a public program or monitoring event. Do not hesitate to cancel or postpone if necessary.**
- Confirm that your monitoring site is open and accessible, and confirm any limits on group size.
- If hosting an indoor program, maintain a distance of six feet between all participants. **We strongly encourage all programs be held outdoors.**
- If you are utilizing a shared indoor space, confirm the cleaning and sanitation policy with the venue. Ensure that seats and tables are sanitized before and after a program.
- **Limit group size, obeying official guidance. Note that group size will be limited by space constrictions and equipment availability.**
- If possible, provide enough equipment (eg. tables and nets) such that only two participants are sharing equipment at a time. **As social distancing may be difficult in the field, we urge all participants to wear masks while in the field.**
- **Sanitize all equipment, including nets, tables, hand lenses, pens, etc. before and after each event.**
- Avoid sharing a vehicle with non-household members. If you must carpool, ensure everyone in the vehicle is wearing a mask.
- Carry all proper documentation for your event, including your monitoring permit, venue use confirmation, etc.
- **Communicate to all participants that they must bring masks, maintain social distancing when possible, and should frequently wash or sanitize their hands.**
- Do not monitor alone. If you or any participants feel uncomfortable monitoring at this time, please do not monitor.
- **Do not attend or host a program if you are feeling ill.**