

Nachusa Grasslands COVID-19 Workday Safety Protocols for Volunteers

August 21, 2020

All workday volunteers will meet at the Visitor Center.

- Due to the Morton building construction and COVID-19 safety procedures, workday volunteers will no longer gather at the Headquarters.
- Everyone will meet at the Visitor Center. 2075 Lowden Road, Franklin Grove, IL 61031.
- See <https://www.nachusagrasslands.org/visitor-center.html> for Visitor Center information.

Signups:

- Volunteers must register in advance via SignUpGenius:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945afa82baafb6-nachusa8>
- People will be asked if they are members of the same household on the sign-up form, as that will affect social distancing needs.
- Workdays will be limited to 6 volunteers (or less if the steward requests) plus the steward leader.

Volunteers should bring:

- Masks (required)
- Work gloves (required)
- Water and snacks — snacks and drinks will not be provided to share as long as the COVID-19 virus is an issue. Everyone should bring their own food and drinks.

Volunteers may bring:

- Scissors, snips, loppers, and safety glasses (as needed) if they have them.

Health status:

- Volunteers should attend workdays only if they are feeling well and not experiencing any symptoms of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).
- Volunteers should notify Nachusa Grasslands if they develop COVID-19 within two weeks of volunteering.

Mask requirements:

- Everyone should wear masks when the group is gathering before the workday.
- Masks are not required when participants are out in the field as long as they stay six feet apart.
- If more than one steward/volunteer is in a truck cab, truck bed, or UTV, masks must be worn.

Transportation when driving to the worksite:

- It's ideal for the volunteers to drive their own vehicles to the worksite if possible.
- If Nachusa transportation is required, it's ideal to have members of the same household ride together in the bed of a truck.
- It's ideal to have only one person inside the truck cab or UTV. If needed, two people may ride in in the cab. MASKS are REQUIRED, and always drive with the windows open.
- Transportation in the truck bed: two unrelated people are ideal, with one forward on the bench, and one back. MASKS are REQUIRED. No more than four unrelated people can ride in the truck bed.
- Two trips can be made to transport people to the location if volunteers or the leader are more comfortable doing so.