

Nachusa Grasslands COVID-19 Workday Safety Protocols for **VOLUNTEERS**

April 2021

All workday volunteers will meet at the Visitor Center.

- Due to the Morton building construction and COVID-19 safety procedures, workday volunteers 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>
- 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 these, but they will also be provided:

- 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.
- **The Nature Conservancy requires each volunteer to review a health questionnaire before the each workday and self-certify they have no symptoms of COVID-19. The workday leader will have you sign the questionnaire before leaving the Visitor Center.**

Mask requirements:

- Masks are not required as the group gathers before the workday, as long as everyone is well spaced.
- Masks are not required when participants are out in the field.
- If more than one steward/volunteer is in a truck cab, or in close proximity in a truck bed, or UTV, **MASKS MUST BE WORN.**

Transportation when driving to the worksite:

- If possible, the steward may have volunteers drive their own vehicles to the worksite.
- Two people may ride in in the cab, but **MASKS** are **REQUIRED**. Always drive with the windows open.
- Transportation in the truck bed: the remaining volunteers will ride on benches in the truck bed. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** because you are sitting in close proximity to one another.