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Angler Education Volunteers,

With the developing COVID-19 pandemic, the Angler Education staff wants to remind volunteers that their health and safety is paramount and provide information on ways to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As governments and organizations step-up their cancellations of large events and social distancing practices, we especially encourage our volunteers to consider the following measures due to the nature of events with large crowds in proximity. Moreover, extra caution is recommended for high risk individuals – older adults, people with serious chronic medical conditions, and those with compromised immune systems.

For volunteers signed up for an event, if you're feeling ill or have reservations about volunteering, please consider staying home for the safety of yourself and others. If you so decide, please let the event leader know you are not coming.

For event coordinators, please have an alcohol-based hand sanitizer on hand and/or access to hand washing with soap for volunteers. Additionally, event coordinators may consider replacing proximity activities such as backyard bass casting with small group informational stations covering Fish ID, Fish Habitat, and a Trash Timeline activity. Check out our [Angler Ed Teaching Aids page](#) (password = *gofish*) for more inspiration.

If you ordered class/event supplies and your class/event is cancelled, please let us know so we may update our files.

From the Texas Department of State Health Services:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Visit the CDC website for the latest COVID-19 information [here](#).

Additional resources:

[Texas Department of State Health Services](#)

[Handwashing Tips](#)