



United Methodist Volunteers in Mission North Central Jurisdiction

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Guidelines for US Project Sites during COVID-19

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission North Central Jurisdiction understands that many project sites rely on teams to assist in serving the community. These teams come from nearby, from another state, sometimes from another country. Some homeowners and missionaries may have recovered from COVID-19. Some may be carriers. Some are not infected. All want to serve.

The federal disaster declaration includes every state and territory with most states presenting shelter-in-place and social distancing guidelines. These guidelines for US project sites are designed to assist you in determining when and if to suspend teams for the summer and how to prepare the site for future teams. All sites should adhere to public health and safety protocols in order to protect employees, homeowners, and missionaries.

For the latest updates in regard to COVID-19, please visit - [Centers for Disease Control](#)

General Guidance for US Project Sites

1. Suspending teams for the summer
 - a. Make this decision based on actions of your governor, bishop, and your county health department. Pay attention to their direction about school closure, lifting stay-at-home orders, and the time when small groups are permitted to gather again.
 - b. Make this decision with the guidance of your board of directors or other governing body.
2. Regarding preparation of site for future teams
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
 - b. Post reminders for hand washing, awareness of symptoms, etc.
 - c. Provide prevention supplies:
 - i. hand sanitizer
 - ii. disposable facemasks
 - iii. eye protection
 - iv. cleaners and disinfectants

- d. Other considerations
 - i. Avoid buffet-style meal service. Have kitchen crews prepare dishes. This includes sack lunch preparation.
 - ii. Does the dishwasher meet standards for sanitation? If not, consider asking teams to bring paper products (not Styrofoam) to be discarded after each meal. Provide adequate trash receptacles.
 - iii. Teams should through wipe down all surfaces when they arrive and as they prepare to leave.
 - iv. Work should be done on exterior projects only. Make accommodations for portapotties so teams do not have to enter a home.
 - v. How can you assure safe distancing on the work sight, in the dorm, dining area, and meeting space?
 - vi. Is a washer and dryer available for laundering expectations?