Pacific Flyway Shorebird Survey: safety guidelines for surveyors

All surveyors should be aware that SARS-CoV-2 virus that is causing Covid-19 pandemic is present in all counties surveyed by this project. Awareness and thoughtful behaviors are the key to limiting spread of the virus.

You are required to fill out this electronic liability waiver for participation in the survey. To access the waiver, use this link: https://forms.gle/qLgtshNm4zVa6wDT8

The following guidelines are recommended precautions for all surveyors:

● Review the State of California’s main COVID-19 website.
● Under no circumstances should you conduct a survey if you or someone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19.
● If you have tested positive for COVID-19. Follow guidelines from the US Center for Disease Control and do not conduct your survey until 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, and 24 hours have passed with no fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications), and all other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.
● We recommend that anyone in 65+ and/or with chronic illness take extra precautions following California State guidance.
● No rideshares with anyone outside of your current household or “pod”. This excludes sharing a vehicle with anyone whom you do not have regular, sustained contact with at less than a six foot distance. If surveying with someone outside of your pod, please use separate vehicles and closely follow the guidelines below.

Please follow these guidelines during your survey:

● **Physical distancing** - Maintain at least 6 feet of space from other people, including when walking, standing during a survey, and eating.
● **Masks** - wear face coverings when outdoors and within 30’ of other people and anytime you are indoors in route to your survey area.
● **Travel** - When fueling, use protective gloves, a paper towel, or similar material when touching gas pumps or other surfaces. Be sure to wash or sanitize hands immediately after.
● **Tools and field equipment** - Do not share field any field equipment or data sheets with someone outside of your pod (or vehicle).
● **Misc. surfaces** - If there are times when you must touch surfaces (e.g., locks, gates, trash cans), do not touch your face and wash or sanitize your hands immediately after.
● **Public restrooms** - Avoid public restrooms when possible. Take all precautions to avoid touching surfaces and wash/sanitize hands immediately after use.
● **Overnight travel is not recommended.**