

White River Partnership

2021 Covid-19 Water Trail Stewardship Protocols

While we are excited to be able to proceed with our water trail stewardship program this year, the safety of our volunteers and staff are of the utmost concern for this season. We ask that all volunteers follow these protocols to ensure a safe sampling season.

General Guidance:

1. The White River Partnership and our water trail stewardship program are subject to all state of Vermont orders and mandates. If there are any orders or mandates that affect our water quality program, we will keep you all updated.
2. If you feel sick, or feel that visiting your location could put you at risk of exposure to Covid-19, please DO NOT visit your site. While our water trail stewardship program is important in monitoring the health of the White River, your safety and health is paramount.

Safety while stewarding your site:

1. Please practice social distancing while visiting your site: make sure to maintain at least 6 feet from any other river users who may be in the area of your site.
2. Please ensure that you have a mask and gloves with you when visiting your site. Each sampling equipment bag has been outfitted with 4 sets of disposable gloves that can be used at each monthly visit. Please dispose of your gloves after each use.
3. We are making trash collection optional this year due to Covid -19. Please do not collect or touch any trash at your site if you are not comfortable or feel there is a potential risk of exposure to Covid-19. Instead of trash collection, you can report back to WRP staff the location and rough estimate of trash that needs to be collected at your site.