

COVID-19 Guidelines for 2021 Season Pigeon Guillemot Survey

Despite Washington State's positive strides, the 2021 season will still need to maintain precautions for Covid-19. These guidelines need to be practiced at all times while participating this season. As guidelines can change rapidly according to new information, and will be different by county, it is the responsibility of all beach volunteers to [know your county's phase and what those guidelines require](#). As vaccination rates increase across Washington we will still need to continue to follow guidelines until the Governor's office says otherwise. Our goal is to continue to conduct the survey while keeping ourselves and the public safe.

1. **Even if you are vaccinated, please still follow all guidelines.** Though it is likely many people 16 and older who want to be vaccinated, will be, during the course of the season, we will *all* need to continue to follow safety precautions this year.
2. **If you, or anyone you have contact with is sick, please stay home.** Contact your colony coordinator to arrange a substitute.
3. **Avoid carpooling to sites.** This may require allowing for additional time to access sites if parking is limited.
4. **Use personal protective equipment when needed.** If face to face communication is necessary during your survey, please use a face mask. Be respectful of others you share the beach with as well.
5. **Practice social distancing with those outside your household.** This includes:
 - a. **Maintaining at least a 6ft distance** between you and all other people, including your team (exceptions being household members who are also participating).
 - b. **Be courteous to members of the public by maintaining distance.** Please continue to share our work with the public, if it does not interrupt your surveys.
 - c. **Please communicate with owners of private property** with access to colonies case by case, as they have requested this season. This may require additional measures.
6. **Avoid sharing equipment if possible.** Though handing off data sheets may be less of a health risk, sharing a spotting scope or binoculars can be. Wash your hands as needed and avoid unnecessary sharing of equipment.
7. **Be prepared for a lack of public facilities.** Public bathrooms and potable water may not be as readily available as during pre-covid surveys. Plan accordingly.