



## **Recommendations for Guiding Under COVID-19**

The Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM) worked with health care professionals from the Cedars Sinai Medical Group who developed guidelines for their medical centers to begin performing elective procedures and in-person patient encounters not related to Covid-19. FOAM adapted these recommendations to provide for outfitters to operate in a manner that protects the safety and health of fly-fishing guides and clients and reduces the possible transmission of COVID-19 to the general public. FOAM will continue to follow and respect directives from the Governor's office relating to when guides and outfitters are permitted to begin offering guiding services.

These guidelines are offered as best management practices for guides and outfitters to follow once the Stay-at-Home directives are relaxed by the Governor.

### **Step 1: Client Screening Questions**

ALL clients within a party must be properly screened to keep those that are showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 from travelling to Montana. Screening should occur at least one week prior to travel to Montana and clients should be called or emailed a list of screening questions to monitor themselves for at least the week prior to departure to Montana. If a client answers "yes" to any screening questions, they should be requested to cancel their trip unless they can document a negative result from COVID-19 test provided by their healthcare provider. Continual monitoring of clients should be done throughout the duration of their trip, any indication of symptoms will require them visiting a local healthcare provider immediately.

COVID-19 is a respiratory virus that can cause early symptoms similar to the flu or cold. Screening participants for this virus is necessary to decrease the chance of transmission. Answering the following questions, we can better determine risk of exposure.

Questions:	Why?
<p>In the last 2 weeks, have you experienced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever <math>\geq</math> 100.0 F</li> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Sore Throat</li> <li>• Sinus Congestion, Nasal Discharge, or Runny Nose</li> <li>• Body Aches</li> <li>• Shortness of Breath</li> <li>• Ear Pain</li> <li>• Diarrhea</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• Itchy eyes, eye discharge, or “pink eye”</li> <li>• Sick people in your household</li> <li>• Exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 individual</li> </ul>	<p>These are the most common symptoms of the Covid-19 virus. Clients that answer YES are at greater risk for having a respiratory illness such as COVID-19</p>

If an individual answer “yes” to one or more of the listed questions, their trip should be cancelled or rescheduled unless cleared by their healthcare provider that they do not have COVID-19.

**Step 2: Pre-trip protocol for cleaning and decontamination of loaner equipment, boat, and transportation vehicles**

Type of Equipment	Cleaning/Decontamination type	Frequency
<p>Vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keys &amp; fobs</li> <li>• Exterior and interior door handles</li> <li>• Steering wheel</li> <li>• Ignition button</li> <li>• Window switches</li> <li>• Radio, GPS, and other buttons and dials</li> <li>• Seat belts &amp; buckles</li> <li>• Air vents</li> <li>• Cup holders</li> <li>• Grab handles</li> <li>• Headrests</li> <li>• Seats</li> <li>• Seat Pockets</li> </ul>	<p>Sanitizing wipes approved for COVID-19, alcohol (70%), or soapy water</p>	<p>Prior to trip; prior to and after vehicle has been shuttled; after clients have exited vehicle at day’s end</p>

<b>Boat:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seats</li> <li>• Cupholders trays</li> <li>• Coolers</li> <li>• Boat bags and gear that is exposed to guests</li> <li>• All interior surfaces</li> </ul>	Sanitizing wipes approved for COVID-19, alcohol (70%), soapy water	Prior to trip; during trip if an angler is changing seats; at day's end
<b>Loaner Equipment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rods and reels</li> <li>• Waders and boots</li> </ul>	Sanitizing wipes approved for COVID-19, alcohol (70%), soapy water	Prior to trip; during trip if cross contamination may occur; at day's end

**Step 3: Pre-trip protocol for pre-outing symptom assessment and pre-outing safety discussion**

- Discuss the safety protocols with clients while stressing the serious nature and need for adherence to policies to protect themselves and others.
- All clients and guides will need to self-certify that they are asymptomatic prior to trip. If at any time during the trip the client or guide exhibits symptoms, the trip will be forced to conclude and the symptomatic individual will need to seek clearance from a healthcare provider.
- Require all occupants of vehicle to wash hands prior to departure.
- Discuss the need for limiting unnecessary touching of items within the vehicle to keep possible contamination to a minimum.
- All occupants of vehicle are required to wear a face mask.

**Step 4: Food and Beverage Handling**

All food and beverages will need to meet food prep safety standards for COVID-19.

- Share nothing.
- Individually pack food and beverage for each person.
- Sanitize hands prior to handling food or beverage with approved hand sanitizer or hand washing.
- Treat all materials at cleanup as contaminated and package appropriately.

### Step 5: Physical Distancing

- Maintain 6 feet of distance when possible.

### Shuttle Operations:

To best protect the safety of shuttle drivers and to help reduce the possibility of transmission or contamination:

- Shuttle operators will wear a nose and mouth mask while operating customer vehicles.
- Shuttle operators will follow vehicle cleaning guidelines prior to operating shuttle and upon completion of shuttle.

Vehicle items:	Cleaning/Decontamination type	Frequency
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keys &amp; fobs</li><li>• Exterior and interior door handles</li><li>• Steering wheel</li><li>• Ignition button</li><li>• Window switches</li><li>• Radio, GPS, and other buttons and dials</li><li>• Seat belts &amp; buckles</li><li>• Air vents</li><li>• Cup holders</li><li>• Grab handles</li><li>• Headrests</li></ul>	Sanitizing wipes approved for COVID-19, alcohol (70%), or soapy water	Prior to shuttle and at conclusion of shuttle