

NEW for 2022: COVID-19 Safety Protocol

The Everglades Birding Festival events will try to provide a safe environment for participants. It will provide hand sanitizers and wipes for all trips and gatherings. All [CDC guidelines](#) for social distancing and masking will be followed for the 2022 Everglades Birding Festival, and we will adhere to national mandates where appropriate. Like you, we look forward to the day when these precautions are no longer necessary. Until then, we will comply with CDC guidelines in order to keep our visitors, friends, staff, and volunteers safe and healthy. Thank you for joining us in that effort.

In accordance with CDC guidelines,

- **VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**-It is now required for any participant who attends a **FIELD TRIP** on a 15-passenger van to be **FULLY VACCINATED**. You need to have completed the full course of an approved COVID-19 vaccine at least two weeks prior to the start of the field trip. This requirement does not extend to Plantation Preserve on Thursday Jan. 13, a meet on-site field trip. Please have your vaccination card available upon request.
- **MASKS**-It is now required **ALL VISITORS** to **WEAR MASKS** in the **VANS** on **FIELD TRIPS** and **INDOOR SPACES** such as the opening reception, morning workshops/ meetings, and evening programs.
- **Participation in social activities, such as field trips and gatherings, comes with an inherent risk of exposure to infectious disease. Prospective participants should self-evaluate or discuss with their doctor if their participation merits this risk. If you're sick or experiencing any symptoms that indicate, you might be COVID positive. PLEASE STAY HOME. Refunds will be given out based on existing policy.**

Everglades Birding Festival will attempt whenever possible to:

- Make sure all participants wear a face covering while in vehicles and indoor spaces.
- Avoiding crowds in common birding areas as much as possible while still getting good looks at our bird targets.
- Sanitizing/disinfecting common touch surfaces such as vehicle door handles and the tour leader's scope as needed throughout the trip.
- Pass out wipes to sanitize and clean your area of a 15-passenger vans.
- Keeping fresh airflow as much as possible while in vehicles.